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THE FIGHT IS NOT WORTH ONE COIN.

SUZUMOTO KOUZOU

HANG OUT WITH KOTORI RYOH AND TSUNE IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL COOL HEADED GUY WHO ACTED AS THE BRAINS OF THE KOTORI FACTION STARTED TO WORK AS A CONTRACTOR FOR THE FAMILY BUSINESS DURING HIS FRESHMAN YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL AND LATER DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL ENTIRELY

NARAOKA TSUNEYOSHI

HANG OUT WITH KOTORI RYOU AND KONZOU IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CHALLENGED KOTORI COUNTLESS TIMES IN MIDDLE SCHOOL BUT LOST EVERY TIME A HOT-BLOODED GUY

KIBA YOSHIAKI

WAS IN CHARGE OF SEINOU HIGH SCHOOL AFTER IT'S ESTEEMED LEADER, UEDA HIDETORA REVERED EVEN BY KOTORI, GRADUATED BECAME BLOOD BROTHERS WITH KOTORI AND ALSO WITH KOUZOU AND TSUNE AFTER KOTORI WENT TO REFORM SCHOOL

KUNIMI RYUUJI

WHEN HE WAS A FRESHMAN AT ASAKAMUMA HIGH HE LED THE ATTACK OF THE "FRESHMAN ALLIANCE" (THE DELINQUENT ORGANIZATION CREATED BY RYOH COMPRISED OF ALL THE HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS) ON UEDA HIDETORA WAS LATER FORGIVEN BY HIDETORA AND BECAME FRIENDS WITH KIBA KOUZOU AND TSUNEYOSHI

SHIGEMATSU KUNIO

HAILS FROM PAITOU INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL. ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN VIOLENT GUY WHO CAME TO TOWN LOOKING FOR STRONG OPPONENTS TO FIGHT HE'S TAKING OUT ALL THE STRONG

キューピー外伝 人物紹介

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AZUMA RYOU

KOTORI'S FRIEND SINCE GRADE SCHOOL FORMED THE "FRESHMAN ALLIANCE" DURING HIS FIRST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL AND ORDERED THE ATTACK ON UEDA HIDETORA AFTER THAT HE STARTED GAINING STRENGTH IN THE UNDERWORLD, BUT WITH IT ALSO, THE HATRED OF HIS UNDERLINGS TOWARDS HIM LOST HIS VOICE AFTER BEING SHOT IN THE THROAT

MISAKI GEN

FORMER BOXER WHO WAS ON THE ROAD TO BECOMING A CHAMPION BUT HAD TO GIVE UP HIS DREAM WHEN HE BROKE HIS HAND ENCOUNTERS KYOU AT A TIME WHEN HE'S JUST WASTING HIS LIFE?

HIKO

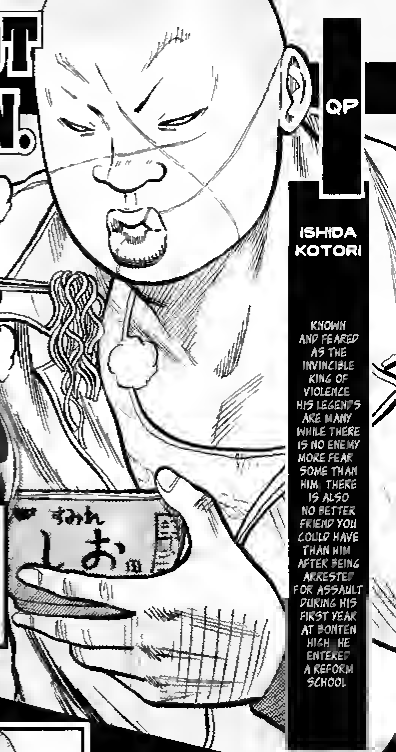
GEN'S SENIOR IN THE ORGANIZATION STANDS BELOW RYOH, BUT DOESN'T TRUST HIM A STRONG FIGHTER, BUT A MEAN DRUNK

TOM & JERRY

ASSASSINS FROM KANSAI WHO WERE ORIGINALLY CONTRACTED TO KILL KYOU CROSSED OVER TO KYOU'S SIDE SURVIVED THE JAWS OF DEATH TOGETHER

MISAKI TAIZOU

GEN'S OLDER BROTHER RAISED GEN AND ACTED AS HIS FATHER AFTER THEIR PARENTS DIED



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ISHIDA KOTORI

KNOWN AND FEARED AS THE INVINCIBLE KING OF VIOLENCE HIS LEGENDS ARE MANY WHILE THERE IS NO ENEMY MORE FEAR SOME THAN HIM, THERE IS ALSO NO BETTER FRIEND YOU COULD HAVE THAN HIM AFTER BEING ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT DURING HIS FIRST YEAR AT BONTEN HIGH HE ENTERED A REFORM SCHOOL

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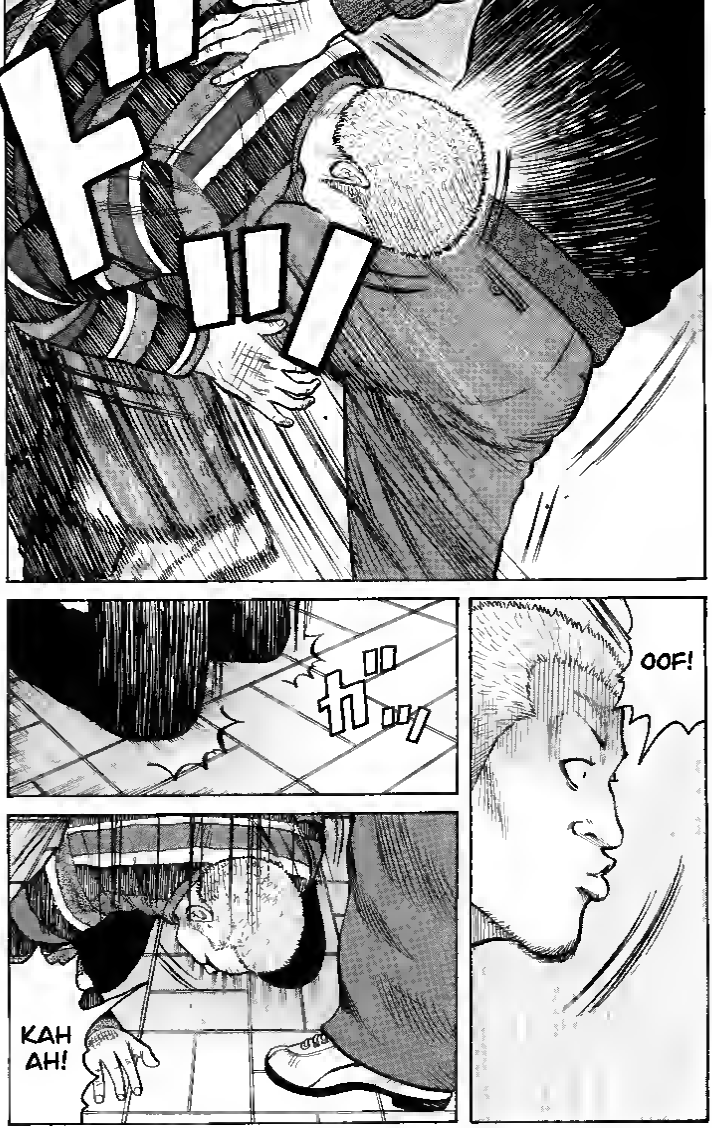
"The Beginning"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OOF!
KAH
AH!

THERE!
AAAND ...
GAH!
WHICH THREE CHOSE THIS WIMP?!
HEY, KEEP HIM STILL!
TCH. ANOTHER DUD.
HEY! GIMME A PEN!

LET'S GO!
YEAH
KAKIUCHI YUUTA FROM ISHIOKA HIGH, YOU HAVE BEEN "TAKEN CARE OF!"
BWA HAHA HA!

HMM?
HEEEY! KIBA!
OH! MATSUSHIMA! WHAT'RE YOU DOING WAY OUT HERE?
HEHE HE...
LONG TIME NO SEE!
YEAH RIGHT. LIKE I GOT THE TIME TO LISTEN TO YOUR DIRTY STORIES!
I CAME HERE TO SEE MY WOMAN.
YOU WANNA KNOW THE DETAILS?

!
HE TOLD YOU ABOUT THAT?!
OH YEAH, I HEARD SOMETHING INTERESTING FROM KUNIMI, FROM ASA HIGH.
YOU WANNA WORK IN A NURSERY SCHOOL?
YEAH. I RAN INTO HIM AT THE STATION THE OTHER DAY.
I TOLD HIM TO KEEP HIS BIG MOUTH SHUT!
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...
WHAT OF IT?
SO THEN IT'S TRUE?
I GUESS SO, HUH!
...
WHAT, ARE YOU SERIOUS? WITH A FACE LIKE YOURS?
I MEAN, I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO LAUGH AT IT, BUT C'MON. IT'S HYSTERICAL!

OWOW OW!
BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU HEARD?
ABOUT WHAT?
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YEAH, I HEARD
APPARENTLY KAKIUCHI FROM ISHIOKA GOT DONE IN YESTERDAY!
THAT'S THE THIRD ONE
NEMOTO FROM MINAMI, EGAWA FROM MORISHOU... FAMOUS GUYS ARE DROPPING LIKE FLIES...

THERE ISN'T ANYBODY IN TOWN WHO DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT "KIBA FROM SEIDOU." YOU'RE PRACTICALLY THE BOSS OF THIS TOWN.
YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL.
NAH PEOPLE ONLY REMEMBER GP, WHO LEFT DURING HIS FRESHMAN YEAR.
I WON THE THRONE BY DEFAULT!
CONSID-ERING YOU RUN BONTEN THESE DAYS AND ALL.
DOESN'T THE SAME GO FOR YOU?
SEE YOU LATER, KIBA. WE SHOULD MEET AGAIN SOON, FOR MAHJONG OR SOMETHING!
YEAH ...
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HEY, BALDY!
HUH?!
WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO BE KAKI-SAKA, FORMER BIGSHOT OF ARIYOSHI HIGH?
I HEAR YOU TRADED IN SCHOOL FOR GRAND THEFT AUTO...
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
WALK WITH ME!

"TAKEN CARE OF!" HAHAHA!
OH MAN, YOU KNOCKED OUT TWO FRONT TEETH...
H--HEY! LOOK OVER THERE!
HUH?
HMM?
KIBA'S GOT 12 STRIPES HE'S AT THE TOP OF THE LIST...
T-- THAT'S KIBA, FROM SEIDOU!
THAT SCAR ON HIS CHEEK! I'M SURE OF IT!
WHAT SHALL WE DO?
LET'S GO FOR A MEET AND GREET...

HMM?
...
HEHE HE...
KIBA, FROM SEIDOU, RIGHT?
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WHO'RE YOU?
NAME'S SHIGEMATSU KUNIO, FROM DAITOU INDUSTRIAL
WE SHOULD TALK. I'LL BUY YOU LUNCH.
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DAITOU...

Sunday's Son
HMPH
YOU SURE CAME A LONG WAY. YOU ON A FIELD TRIP OR SOMETHING?
DAITOU, THAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE AIRPORT, ISN'T IT?
...

SO I TALKED TO THESE GUYS.
WE'RE FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE AIN'T NO ONE TO FIGHT THERE...
SO I'M BORED OUTTA MY SKULL.
SO I THOUGHT, WHY NOT?
I WAS THINKIN' "NO MATTER WHERE I LOOK, THERE AIN'T ANY STRONG GUYS, ANY-WHERE!"
AND THEN THESE GUYS WANTED ME TO PROVE IT.

SO WE HEADED TO THE CITY. I THOUGHT I'D GRAB 100 DELINQUENT LOOKIN' GUYS AND ASK THEM WHO'S THE STRONGEST GUY IN TOWN.
AND NOW I'M TAKING OUT ALL THE NAMES ON THE LIST, ONE BY ONE!
I WAS PLANNING TO ASK 100 GUYS, BUT IT WAS SUCH A PAIN IN THE ASS.
SO I DECIDED 30 OUGHTA DO.
HAHA HA...
...
THESE ARE THE RESULTS.
ZOOO

KIBA YOSHIAKI FROM SEIDOU HIGH, YOU'RE AT THE TOP!
OUT OF THOSE 30, TWELVE CHOSE A PARTICULAR ONE.
RELAX.
I'M SAVING YOU FOR LAST.
YAY FOR ME, I GUESS
WOW
WE'RE JUST HERE BECAUSE WE HAPPENED TO RUN INTO YOU.
I FIGURED I SHOULD AT LEAST INTRODUCE MYSELF TO YOU.

YOU GOT SOME-THING TO LOOK FORWARD TO!
...
HUH?
HEY, CAN I ORDER SOME-THING?
DUDE, THAT'S TOO MUCH
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I LIKE IT HOT!
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YOUR TREAT, RIGHT?
Y--YEAH...
AH, THAT HIT THE SPOT.
THANKS MAN!
!
WAIT A SEC
I SHOULD TELL YOU THOUGH,
I'M NOT THE STRONGEST GUY IN TOWN
CAN I SEE THAT LIST AGAIN?
HUH?
WHAT?
JEEZ, YOU'RE STARTING TO GET ON MY NERVES.

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Esawa Takashi T
Kakisaka Yuuji T
Ishida Kotori —
Kiba Yoshiak 正正T
Kumai Ryuuj 下
Matsushima Kazuyuki T
Kakuchi Yuuia 下
Nemoto Akira 下
Esawa Takashi T
Kakisaka Yuuji T
Ishida Kotori —
!
HEHE
BWA HAHA HA!
...

I'M SORRY, I CAN'T HELP IT.
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
IT'S JUST, ONE OF THESE NAMES... HAHAHA!
W--WHAT THE HELL'S WITH THAT GUY?
HE PISSES ME OFF!
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU!
WELL, GOOD LUCK! YOU'LL NEED IT!
SHIGE, SHOULD WE REALLY JUST LET HIM GO?!

EVEN IN THIS SITUATION, HE MANAGED TO COMPLETELY FINISH HIS LARGE SPAGHETTI AND COKE LIKE HE WAS OUT WITH HIS BEST FRIENDS.
HE'S NOT LIKE THOSE OTHER WIMPS.
FORGET ABOUT IT
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LOOKS LIKE I GOT SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO MYSELF NOW...
S--SHIGE-MATSU...
YOU MEAN SHIGEMATSU KUNIO FROM DAITOU IN-DUSTRIAL?!

WHAT?
YEAH BY THE WAY, YOU AND MATSUSHIMA WERE ALSO ON THE LIST
AND KOTORI, HE WAS--
WHAT'RE YOU SO SCARED OF?
WE HAVE TO LET MATSUSHIMA KNOW, TOO!
YOU IDIOT! YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME ABOUT THIS SOONER!
YOU'RE KIDDING
!!!
SHIGEMATSU IS RIDICULOUSLY STRONG!
I DOUBT THERE'S ANYONE IN TOWN WHO COULD BEAT HIM!

SHIGE!
I HEARD SOME-THING INTER-ESTING!
HE'S ALSO BLOOD BROTHERS WITH THAT GUY KIBA!
THERE'S THIS GUY, HE'S OUR AGE BUT HE DROPPED OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL DURING HIS FRESHMAN YEAR.
THESE DAYS HE'S WORKING AS A CARPENTER, BUT I HEARD HE'S REAL STRONG!
LET'S SEE...
WHAT'S HIS NAME?
YOU'VE GOT MY ATTEN-TION.

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SUZUMOTO... SUZUMOTO KOUZOU!
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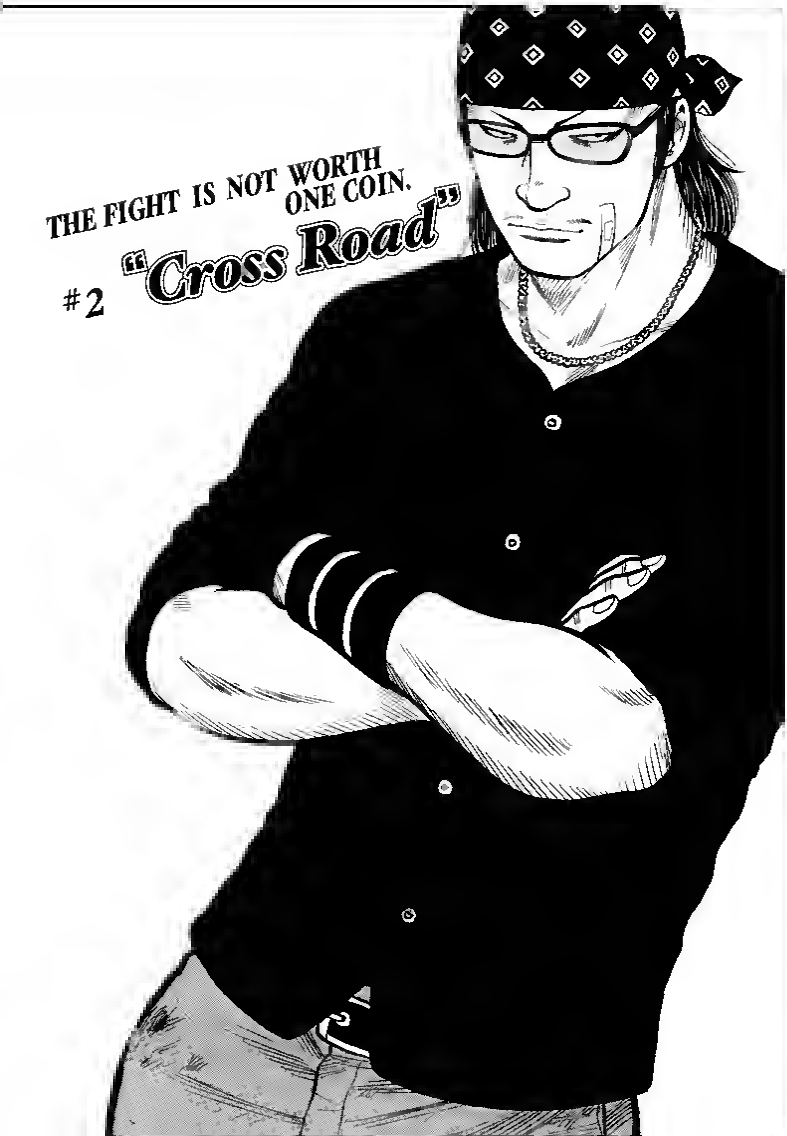
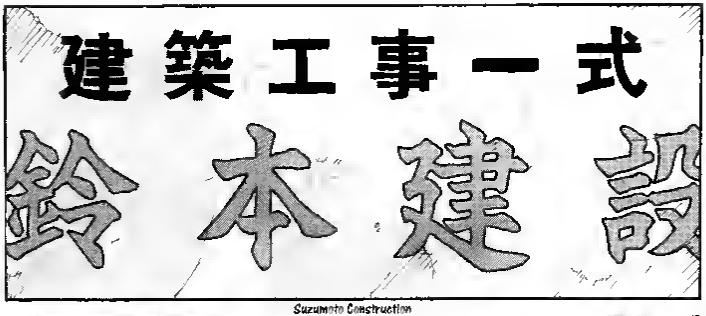
#2 "Cross Road"





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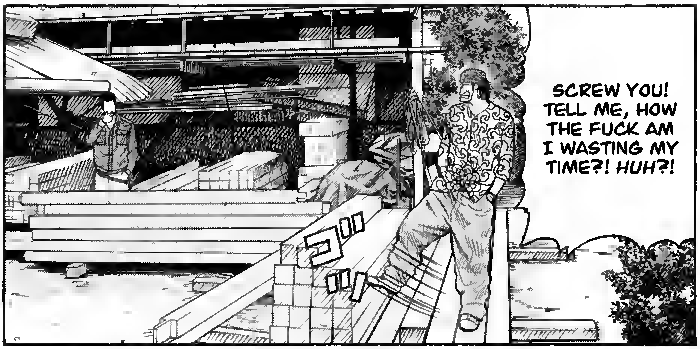
SCREW YOU! TELL ME, HOW THE FUCK AM I WASTING MY TIME?! HUH?!
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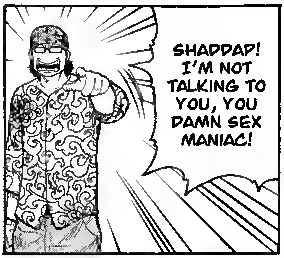
SHADDAP! I'M NOT TALKING TO YOU, YOU DAMN SEX MANIAC!

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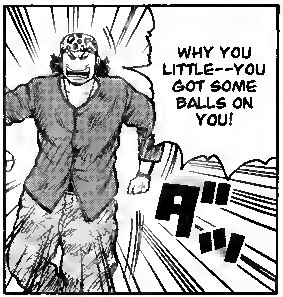
WHY YOU LITTLE--YOU GOT SOME BALLS ON YOU!
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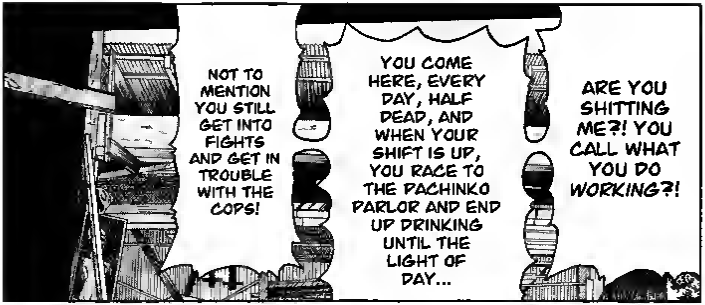
MIDDLE SUZUMOTO BROTHER, SUZUMOTO KOUJIROU.
HEY, KOUZOU! SHOW YOUR BROTHER SOME RESPECT, YOU LITTLE SHIT!

KUH!
ASS-HOLE!
GWAH!
ズザザ
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?! LOOK AT HOW YOU'RE WASTING YOUR LIFE!
YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE A WOMAN HAPPY THAT WAY?!
YOU WISHY-WASHY SUM-BITCH!
GET THE WAX OUTTA YOUR EARS, KOUZOU! YOUR BROTHER AND ME, WE'RE "CARPENTERS 'TIL DEATH," AND WE NEVER ONCE QUESTION OUR WAY OF LIFE!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU EVEN *TALKING* ABOUT?!
SINCE DAD DIED... I'VE QUIT SCHOOL AND HAVE BEEN WORKING MY ASS OFF, WORKING HERE EVERY DAY!


ARE YOU SHITTING ME?! YOU CALL WHAT YOU DO WORKING?!
YOU COME HERE, EVERY DAY, HALF DEAD, AND WHEN YOUR SHIFT IS UP, YOU RACE TO THE PACHINKO PARLOR AND END UP DRINKING UNTIL THE LIGHT OF DAY...
NOT TO MENTION YOU STILL GET INTO FIGHTS AND GET IN TROUBLE WITH THE COPS!

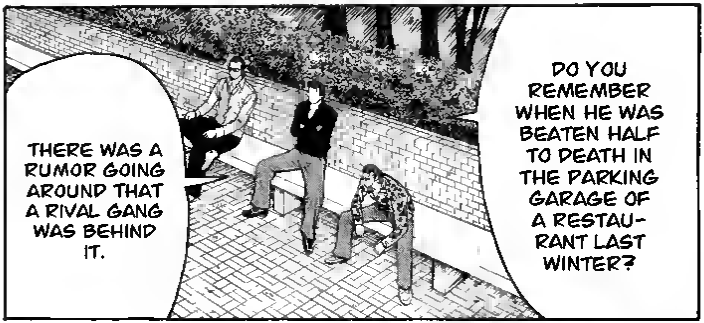
YOU'RE MAKING YOUR MOTHER WORRY TO THE POINT WHERE IT'S MAKING HER CRY! AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A MAN?!
YOU'RE DOING HALF-ASSED AT WORK, AND YOU'RE DOING HALF-ASSED AT BEING A MAN!
AND YOU'RE THINKING OF MARRIAGE?! WHO ARE YOU KIDDING?!
KUH ...

YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WE'RE NOT TRYING TO FORCE YOU INTO BECOMING A CARPENTER.
KOU-ZOU...
YOU'RE STILL YOUNG... IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT YOU'RE WAVERING... YOU STILL WANNA GO OUT AND PLAY.
IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU STILL FEEL LIKE YOU WANNA DO, YOU SHOULD GO OUT THERE AND DO IT!

PLANT YOUR FEET FIRMLY ON THE GROUND!
YOU CAN THINK ABOUT MARRYING MISATO AND EVERYTHING ELSE, AFTER-WARDS...
DUMB-ASS!
WANTING TO GET MARRIED BEFORE ME. YEAH RIGHT...
...
W--WHAT?
BY THE WAY, KOUJI-KUN...

HUH? Y-- YEAH.
YOU TOLD ME YOU COULDN'T PAY OFF THE LOAN ON YOUR CAR, SO I BORROWED YOU SOME MONEY, REMEMBER?
EEP!
YOU DIDN'T SPEND IT GETTING LAID, DID YOU?
W-- WELL, WAIT, Y'SEE
YOU DID, DIDN'T YOU?
GET BACK HERE! ASS-HOLE!
WHOA! HANG ON! CALM DOWN! BRO!

...
LOOKS LIKE KILLER KHAN, RIGHT?
YEAH, I KNOW HIM
...
YOU KNOW THIS GUY NAMED SEKI? HE'S OLDER THAN US...
HE WAS PART OF A BIKER GANG FROM KAGI-MACHI...


DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN HE WAS BEATEN HALF TO DEATH IN THE PARKING GARAGE OF A RESTAU-RANT LAST WINTER?
THERE WAS A RUMOR GOING AROUND THAT A RIVAL GANG WAS BEHIND IT.

BUT THAT'S A LIE.
WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED WAS THAT HE LOST IN A FAIR ONE ON ONE AGAINST A SOPHOMORE FROM DAITOU. THAT SOPHOMORE WAS SHIGEMATSU.

H--HE'S THAT STRONG ...?
!

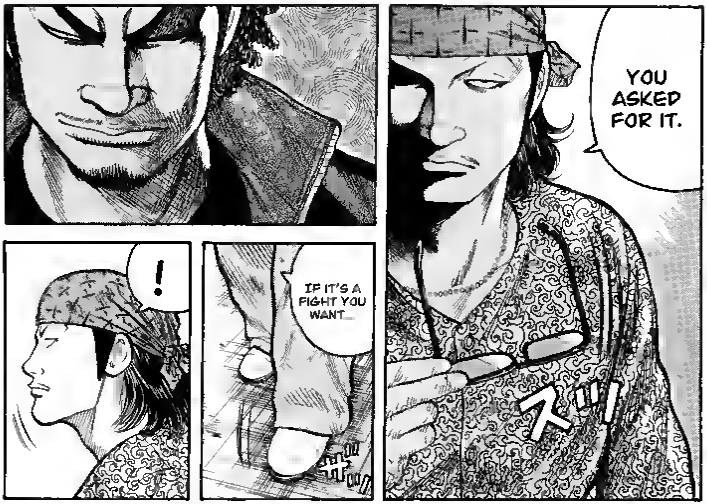
YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT... THAT MIGHT BE THE ONLY WAY TO STOP SHIGEMATSU ...
IN THAT CASE, WE SHOULD JUST GATHER EVERYONE AND TAKE HIM OUT RIGHT NOW!
...
I DON'T WANNA HEAR ANY MORE OF THAT BS!
GANGING UP ON A GUY BECAUSE WE'RE TOO CHICKEN TO FIGHT HIM ONE ON ONE... ARE YOU FUCKING DEMENTED?!
WHAT, DID YOU TWO LOSE YOUR BALLS WHEN YOU BECAME SENIORS?

IF THE TIME COMES WHERE WE HAVE TO FIGHT, WE FIGHT.
HMM?

...
WHO'RE YOU?
HEEEL-LOOO!

...SO THERE YOU HAVE IT...

...
FIGHT ME!
'KAY?
DAITOU INDUSTRIAL...
WHAT'D YOU SAY YOUR NAME WAS?
SHIGE-MATSU KUNIO!


YOU ASKED FOR IT.
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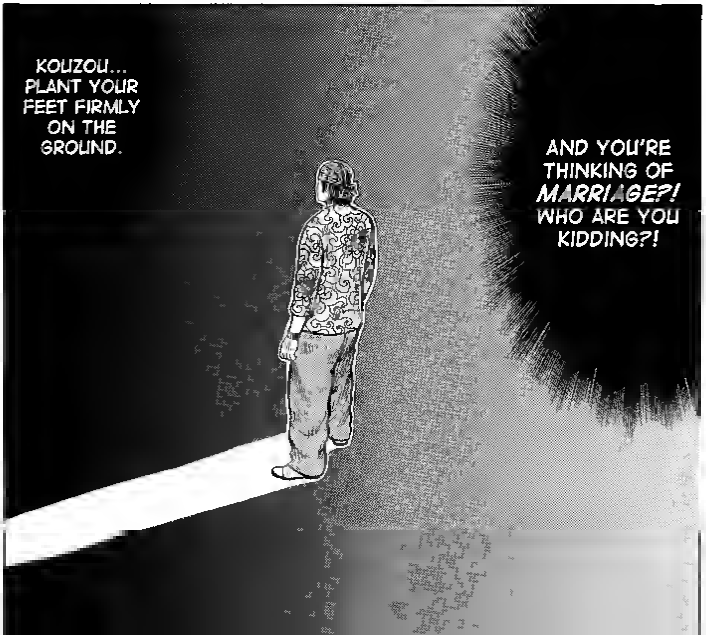
IF IT'S A FIGHT YOU WANT...


KOUZOU... PLANT YOUR FEET FIRMLY ON THE GROUND.
AND YOU'RE THINKING OF MARRIAGE?! WHO ARE YOU KIDDING?!

?
HEY! WHAT'S UP? LET'S DO THIS!
?
...
FORGET IT!

SAY WHAT?!
HUH?
I ALMOST WENT AND DID SOMETHING STUPID...
DO WHAT YOU WANT!
YOU SON OF A BITCH, ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?!
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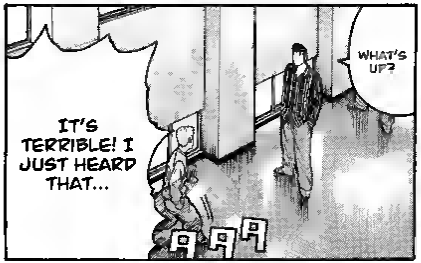

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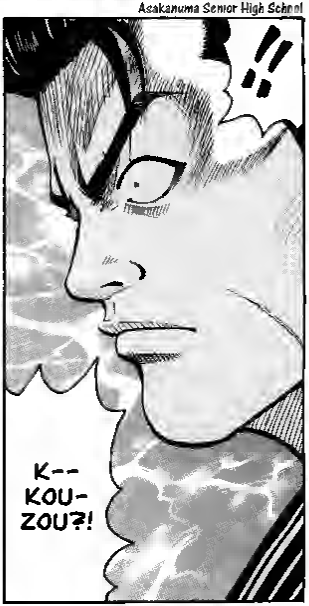
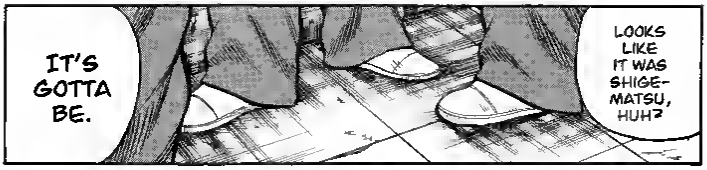
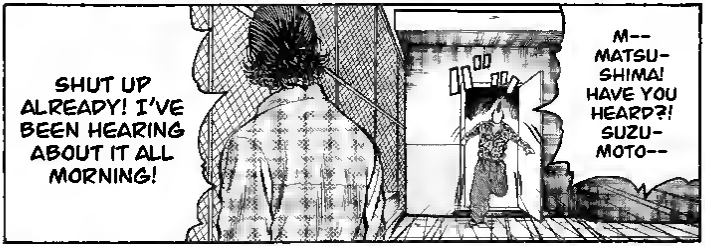
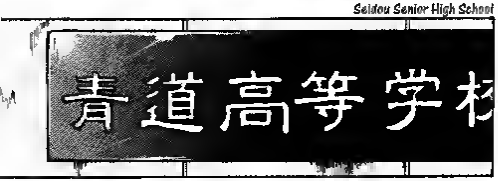



IT'S GOTTA BE.
LOOKS LIKE IT WAS SHIGE-MATSU, HUH?


SHUT UP ALREADY! I'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT IT ALL MORNING!
M--MATSU-SHIMA! HAVE YOU HEARD?! SUZU-MOTO--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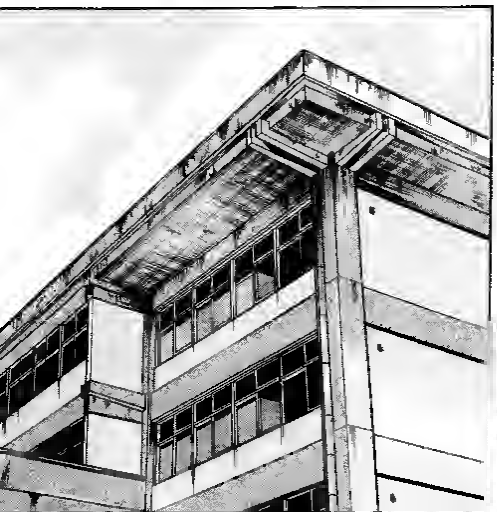

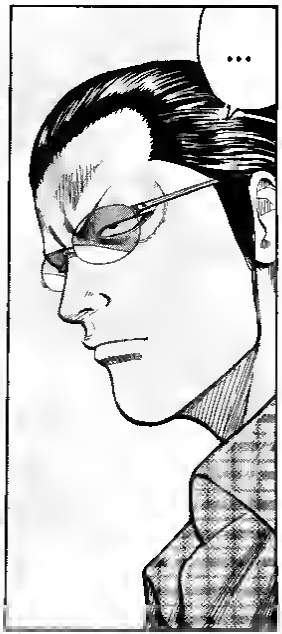
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KIBA
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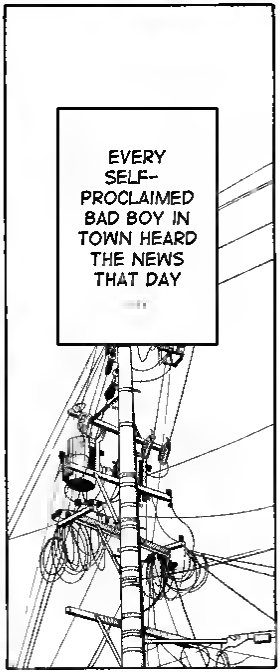
SHIGE-MATSU, THAT CUNT!
HOW COULD HE GO FOR KOUZOU, OF ALL PEOPLE?!

ONE OF WHOM WAS THIS MAN.
MITSUGAWA HIROMICHI. ONLY TWO MONTHS AGO, HE WAS PART OF THE SAME REFORM SCHOOL AS ISHIDA KOTORI.


EVERY SELF-PROCLAIMED BAD BOY IN TOWN HEARD THE NEWS THAT DAY

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ARE YOU SURE?

IT'S THE SAME SUZUMOTO-SAN THAT KOTORI-SAN USED TO TALK ABOUT ALL THE TIME WHEN WE WERE INSIDE
POSI-TIVE!
...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
...
LET HIM KNOW.
YOU GOT IT!

IT'S ME, ICHII. I'M SORRY TO CALL YOU LIKE THIS, BUT I KNOW SUZUMOTO KOUZOU IS A GOOD FRIEND OF YOURS.
BOSS?
AND ONE OTHER.
ALL RIGHT... I'LL CALL YOU LATER.
YES... I'LL LOOK INTO IT.
IT LOOKS LIKE HE WAS BEATEN UP AND HOSPITALIZED LAST NIGHT.
...
YES... YES... NO, I DON'T KNOW.

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THE FIGHT
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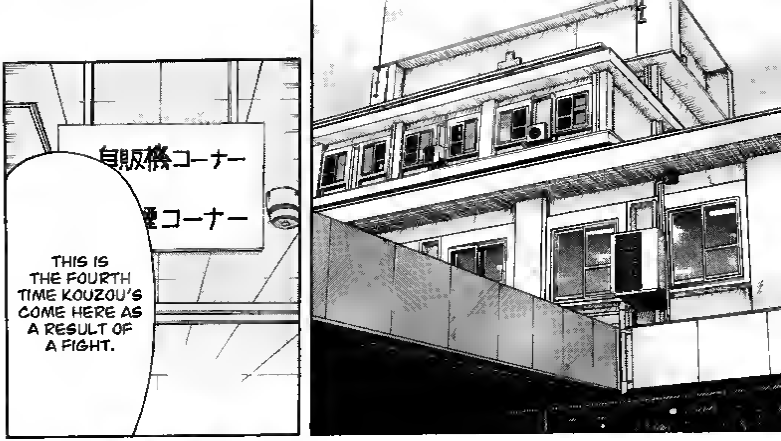
THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME KOUZOU'S COME HERE AS A RESULT OF A FIGHT.

OUR OLDER BROTHER'S AT SIX TIMES AND I'VE GOT THEM BOTH BEAT, AT NINE TIMES! BWAHAHA!
BUUUT
ANYWAY, YOU CAN RELAX. TELL THAT TO KIBA, TOO.
ALL RIGHT
I... I SEE.

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WHY?
RI SWEAT
EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE CARRYING BASEBALL BATS, HE DIDN'T HIT BACK EVEN ONCE!
ALSO, KOUZOU TOLD ME THAT
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...
IF HE'S COME THIS FAR, IT MEANS HE'S GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL LIFE.

NO, HE WAS ASLEEP
HE'S GOT SOME HEAD INJURIES, AND THE BONES IN HIS LEFT HAND ARE ALL MESSED UP, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT
GOOD TO HEAR
AND?
WERE YOU ABLE TO MEET KOUZOU?
HEL-LO?
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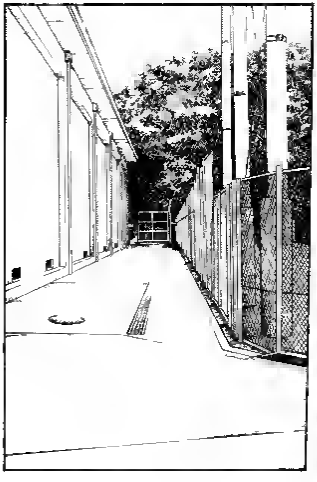
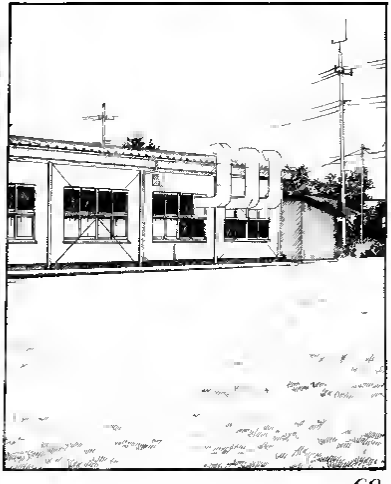
OW!
KU-NI-MII!
HEY!!
TSUNE-YOSHI.
WHO IS IT?
IT'S ME! TSUNEYOSHI! WAS KOU-ZOU REALLY ATTACKED?! SON OF A BITCH!

H--HEY, TSUNE
CALM DOWN.
WHO THE FUCK DID IT?! WHERE ARE THEY FROM?! I'LL FUCKING KILL 'EM! GOD-DAMMIT!
HOW THE FUCK AM I SUPPOSED TO CALM DOWN YOU JACKASS?!
I'D COME DOWN THERE RIGHT NOW AND BURY THOSE FUCKING ASSHOLES IF I COULD!
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I GOTTA DO HERE, SO I CAN'T MOVE!
!
WHAT THE HELL'S KIBA DOING?!
HE'S NOT PICKING UP HIS PHONE!
DON'T TELL ME...
HEY! ARE YOU LISTENING?! KUHN!

TOKYO.
GODDAMMIT, THAT FUCKER, HE HUNG UP!
HEEEY! TSUNEYOSHI!
HEY.
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE YELLING?
EH, FORGET IT.
SO ARE WE REALLY GONNA GO MEET WITH THEM?
YEAH

BANDOU AS WELL AS KIRISHIMA, THEY BOTH HAVE A BAD REPUTATION.
BUT THEY DON'T EXACTLY COME HIGHLY RECOM-MENDED.
I HEARD THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A DRUMMER AND A BASS PLAYER, SO THERE'S NO HARM IN GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER...
LIKE THEY HAVE THE SAME "SMELL" AS US, OR SOME-THING!
BESIDES, I HAVE A GUT FEELING ABOUT THOSE TWO.
YOU STUPID OR SOME-THING?! WHAT THE HELL'S IN-TERESTING ABOUT A ROCKER WITH A GOOD REPUTA-TION?!
WHOA!
I--IF YOU SAY SO
HEY, LET'S GO!





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YOU GOT A LOTTA NERVE SHOWING UP ON DAITOU'S DOORSTEP ALL ALONE LIKE THIS!
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I'LL FUCK YOU UP!
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ARE YOU FUCKING LOOKIN' DOWN ON US?!
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HEY!
YOU FUCKIN' LISTEN-IN'?!
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オー!
DON'T TRY AND FUCK WITH DAI-TOU!
てめー!
WE'LL KILL YOUR ASS!
コラー!
YOU'RE A FUCKIN' DEAD MAN!
オラー!
"GO AND GET SHIGE-MATSU"?! FUCK YOU MOTHER-FUCKER!

TONE IT DOWN A FUCKING NOTCH! JEEZ!
HE SHOWED UP AT ANOTHER SCHOOL ALL BY HIMSELF! DO ANY OF YOU HAVE THE GUTS TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?! I DIDN'T THINK SO!
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...
I NEVER IMAGINED YOU WOULD COME TO ME!

HUH?
YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT FUCKING STUNT YOU PULLED.
NO TIME FOR SMALL TALK, HUH ...

WHORAH!

BRO,
CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?

WHAT'S THAT?
...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YEAH, I'M FINE.

OF COURSE!
YOU SAID THAT YOU NEVER ONCE HESITATED BECOMING A CARPENTER...
IS WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY
BUT THAT'S A COMPLETE LIE!
HUH?!
IS THAT REALLY TRUE?
Smoking corner
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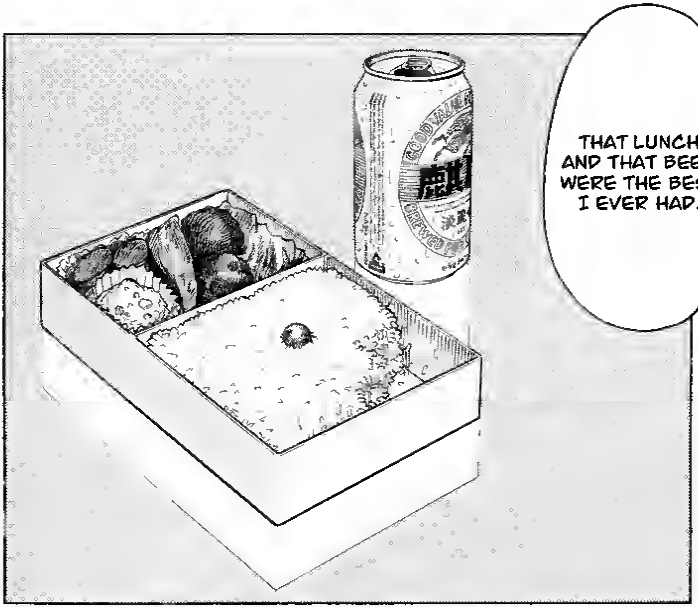
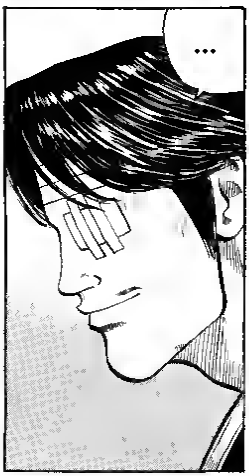
DON'T LAUGH, BUT WHEN I WAS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, I WANTED TO BECOME AN ACTOR!
N--NO
YOU WANT ME TO USE MY NAIL GUN ON YOUR ASS?

...
I THOUGHT OF SNEAKING OFF TO TOKYO AS SOON AS I GOT OUT OF MIDDLE SCHOOL...
BECAUSE BACK THEN, I HATED HELPING OUT DAD WITH THE FAMILY BUSINESS
CABIN
BUT THEN IN THE SUMMER OF MY SENIOR YEAR IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
ON ONE EXTREMELY HOT DAY
DAD BROUGHT ME THE LUNCH MOM HAD PREPARED AND A COLD BEER.
I WAS COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED FROM WORK AND TOOK A NAP UNDERNEATH A TREE..
YEAH
YOU KNOW WHAT HE WAS LIKE.
TOLD ME, "YOU'RE A CARPENTER NOW, ONE BEER'S NOT GONNA KILL YA! DRINK UP!"


THAT LUNCH AND THAT BEER WERE THE BEST I EVER HAD.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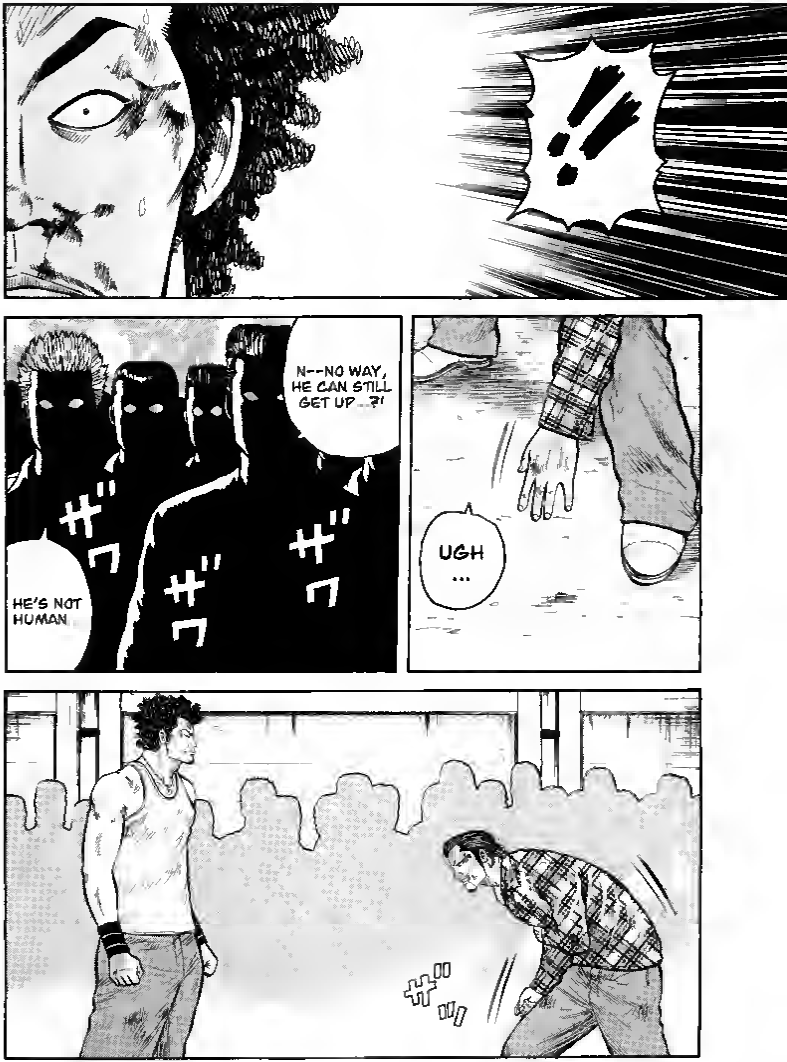
JUST THE BEST.
THAT'S WHEN I FIGURED THAT IF I WAS ABLE TO EAT AND DRINK STUFF THIS GOOD, MAYBE BEING A CARPENTER WASN'T ALL THAT BAD.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N--NO WAY, HE CAN STILL GET UP...?!
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HE'S NOT HUMAN
UGH ...
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YOU TRULY ARE AMAZING! YOU'VE EARNED MY RESPECT, KIBA YOSHIAKI!

THAT IDIOT. WHAT THE HELL WAS HE THINKING?!
HE DIDN'T BREAK ANY BONES, BUT APPARENTLY HE'S STILL PRETTY MUCH MESSED UP ALL OVER...
I TOLD THEM TO WAIT IN THE PARK DOWN THE ROAD.
HAVING THEM ALL GATHER AROUND HERE IS DANGER-OUS
THE OTHERS?
...
EVERY-ONE'S OUT FOR BLOOD!
THIS IS THE ONLY MOVE WE HAVE LEFT!
WHAT, ARE YOU HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS?!

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IT'S BEEN A WHILE NICE TO SEE YOU'RE DOING WELL!
YEAH!
JUST NO--
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT KIBA-SAN?
YEAH.

OW...
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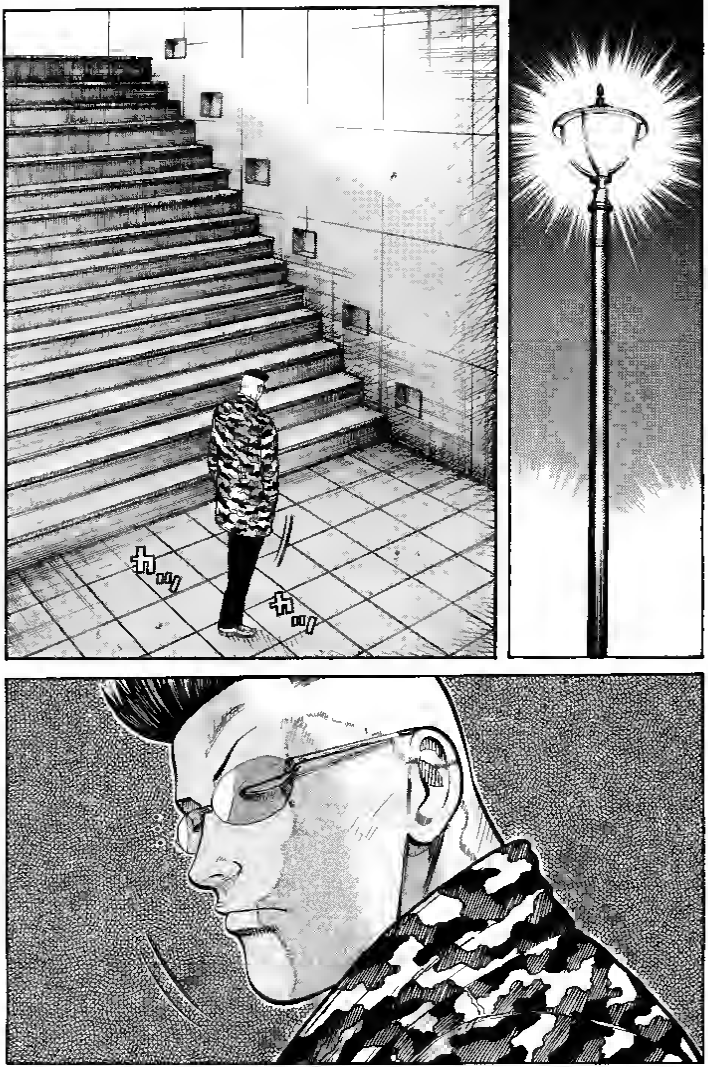
YEAH RIGHT. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT ONCE! HAHA!
HAHA...
IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK!
HMM.

NOW.
I GOT NO TIME TO WASTE!
GET KUNIMI HERE, NOW!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THAT WAS AMAZING! I KNEW NOBODY COULD BEAT YOU!
WELL...
BUT... THAT KIBA GUY, I MEAN, TALK ABOUT BEING TENACIOUS!
...
I STARTED TO WONDER IF HE WAS A ZOMBIE... THE WAY HE JUST KEPT GETTING UP EVERY TIME I KNOCKED HIM DOWN...
THAT WAS THE GREATEST FIGHT I'VE EVER SEEN.

HUH?
IF ONLY... IF ONLY I COULD MEET SOMEONE LIKE HIM AGAIN, SOON...
I STILL WANNA HAVE MORE FUN. HAHA...
W-- WHO'RE YOU?!
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SHIGE-MATSU, FROM DAITOU, RIGHT?
I'M KUNIMI FROM ASA HIGH.
KUNIMI RYUUJI... HIS NAME IS ON THE LIST.
...
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THERE'S SOMEONE I WANT YOU TO MEET
FOLLOW ME.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
YEAH RIGHT! YOU PROBABLY JUST GOT A GROUP TOGETHER TO GET PAYBACK!

IF THEY WANTED TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT, THEY COULD'VE DONE IT ALREADY
LIAR! I'VE HEARD ABOUT HOW YOU WORK
KNOCK IT OFF, NOBORU
...
S--SHIGE!
ALL RIGHT. TAKE ME WHEREVER.
IT'S THIS WAY!
SHIGE! YOU CAN'T!

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H--HEY! SLOW DOWN! HEY!
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WE HAVE TO HURRY!
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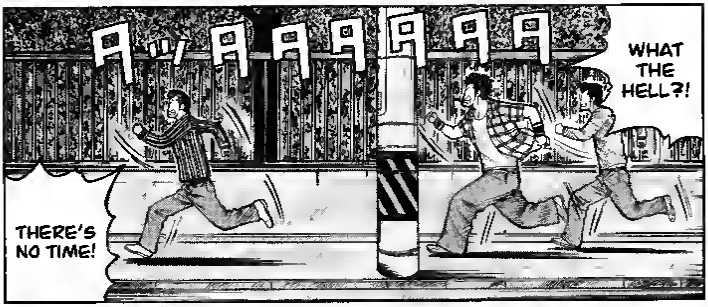
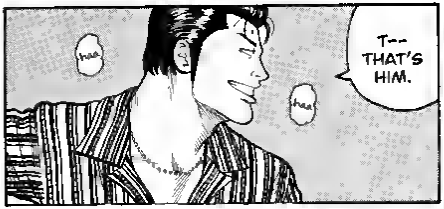
YOU'RE RIGHT
I--IS IT JUST ME, OR ARE WE PICKING UP THE PACE?


AAAAAAAAA
WHAT THE HELL?!
THERE'S NO TIME!

W--WHAT THE FUCK IS YOUR PROBLEM?! HUH?!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T-- THAT'S HIM.

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WHO'S
THAT?!
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HIS NAME'S ISHIDA KOTORI!
THINK OF HIM AS THE "SHADOW EMPEROR OF DELIN-QUENTS."
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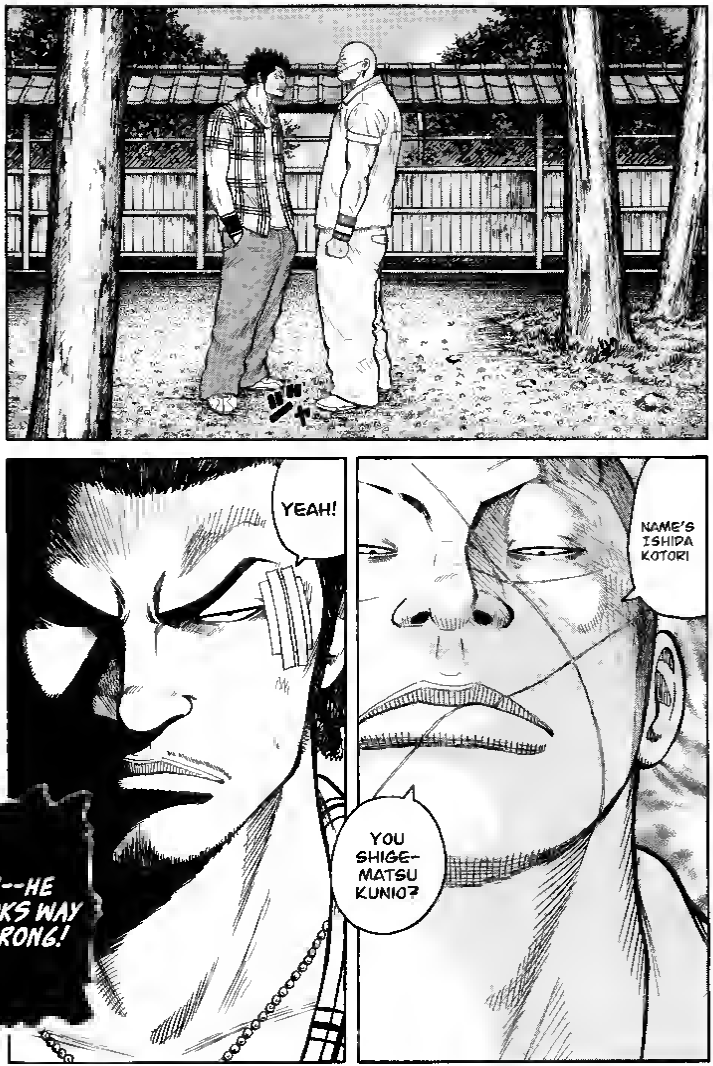
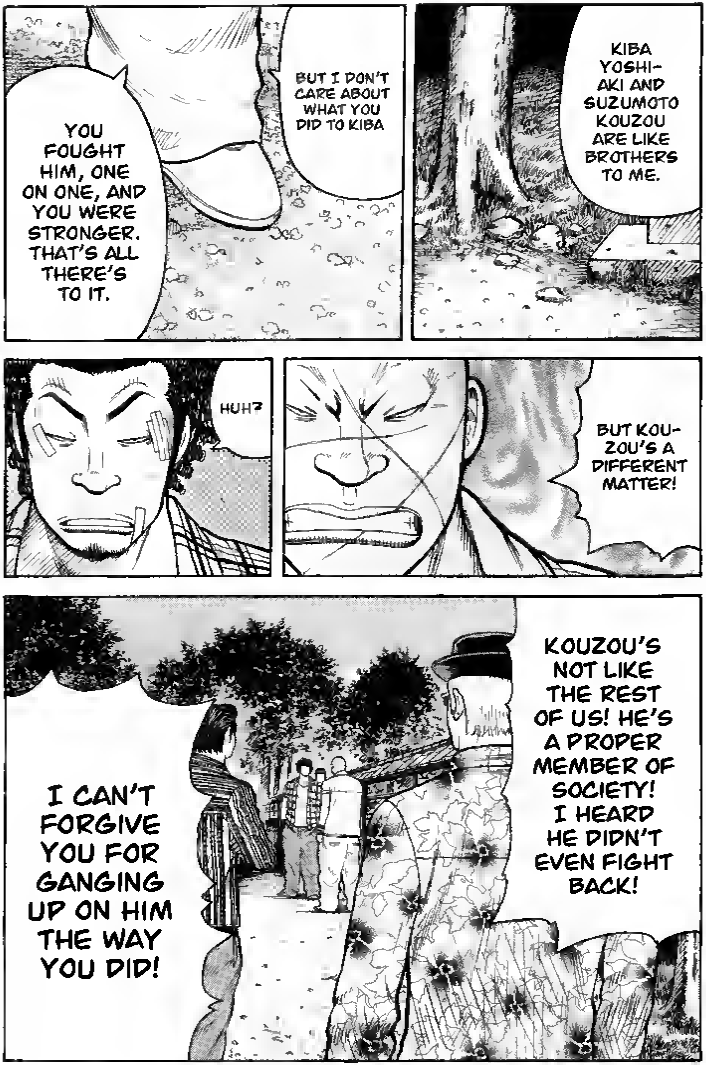
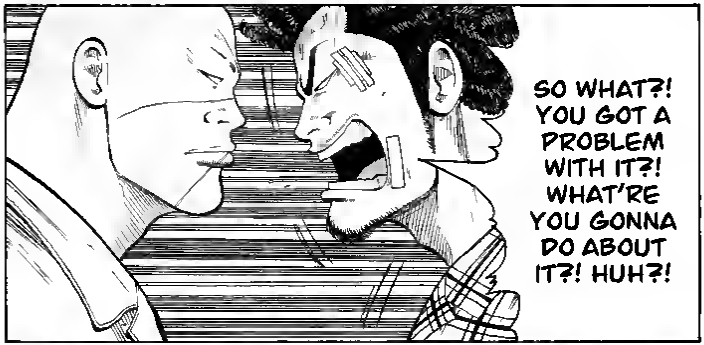
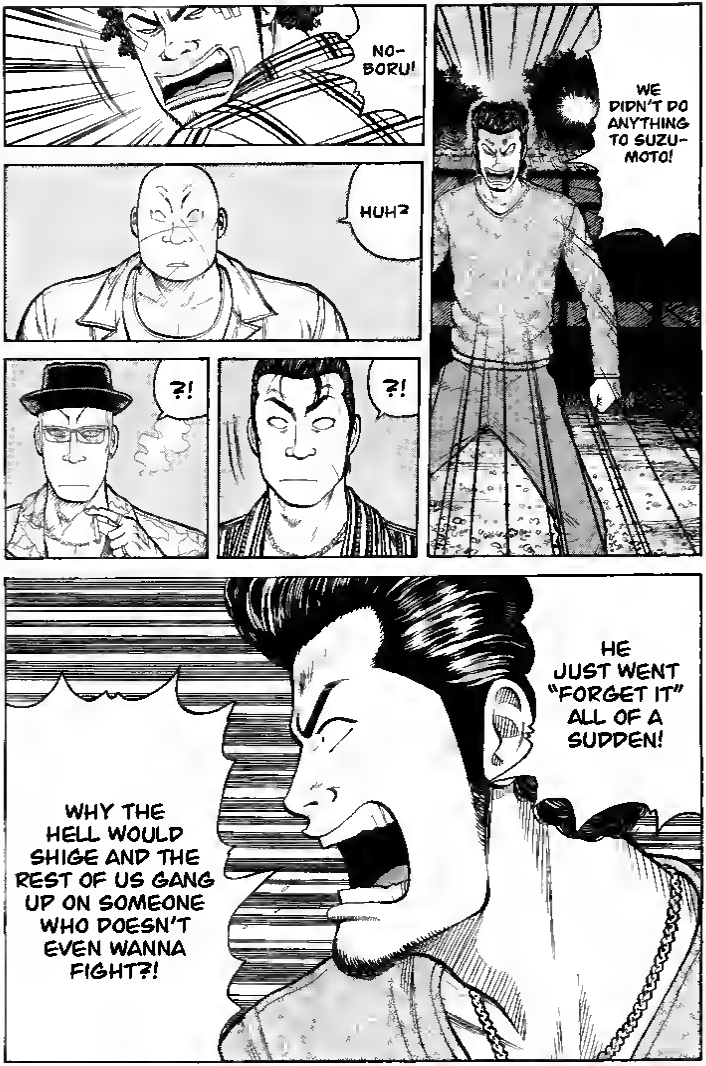

YEAH!
NAME'S ISHIDA KOTORI
YOU SHIGE-MATSU KUNIO?
H--HE LOOKS WAY STRONG!


KIBA YOSHI-AKI AND SUZUMOTO KOUZOU ARE LIKE BROTHERS TO ME.
BUT I DON'T CARE ABOUT WHAT YOU DID TO KIBA
YOU FOUGHT HIM, ONE ON ONE, AND YOU WERE STRONGER. THAT'S ALL THERE'S TO IT.
BUT KOU-ZOU'S A DIFFERENT MATTER!
HUH?
KOUZOU'S NOT LIKE THE REST OF US! HE'S A PROPER MEMBER OF SOCIETY! I HEARD HE DIDN'T EVEN FIGHT BACK!
I CAN'T FORGIVE YOU FOR GANGING UP ON HIM THE WAY YOU DID!

SHUT IT, NOBORU!
H--HEY, WAIT A SECOND!


SO WHAT?! YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH IT?! WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT IT?! HUH?!

HANG ON!


NO-BORU!
HUH?
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WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO SUZU-MOTO!
HE JUST WENT "FORGET IT" ALL OF A SUDDEN!
WHY THE HELL WOULD SHIGE AND THE REST OF US GANG UP ON SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T EVEN WANNA FIGHT?!

JUST A SECOND
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WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, HIRO-MICHI?!
EEK!
I THOUGHT YOU DID YOUR HOME-WORK!
NO, WAIT A MINUTE, THAT CAN'T BE RI--
EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE CARRYING BASEBALL BATS...
AH!

WHAT THE HELL'S THE MEAN-ING OF THIS?!
I GOT ALL THE WAY HERE FROM REFORM SCHOOL FOR THIS?!
COME TO THINK OF IT, I NEVER ONCE HEARD ANYONE TALK ABOUT THESE GUYS WALKING AROUND WITH BASEBALL BATS..
OW OWOW... C--CALM DOWN, KOTORI ...
I HAVE TO GO BACK IN TWO HOURS, GOD-DAMMIT!
HUH?!
HUH?!
HUU UUH?!

HUH?!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU JABBERING ABOUT?
FORGET ABOUT THAT CARPENTER GUY! JUST COME AND FIGHT ME!
SHIGE!
...
WHAT'RE YOU EVEN TALKING ABOUT.. WHAT WOULD BE THE POINT?
YOU CAN FIGHT ME AS AN APOLOGY FOR ALL THAT SHIT YOU SAID!
I'M STRONG! YOU'RE STRONG! I JUST WANNA KNOW WHICH OF US IS THE STRONGEST! SO WE FIGHT TO FIND OUT!
THERE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ONE! I JUST WANNA FIGHT STRONG GUYS! THAT'S ALL THERE'S TO IT!

SHIGE
...
...
MY OLD MAN WENT TO DAITOU, TOO.
HE'S ALWAYS BOASTING ABOUT HOW HE'S NEVER LOST A FIGHT.
...
BUT NOW HE'S JUST AN ERRAND BOY, LOWERING HIS HEAD TO EVERYONE AT WORK LIKE HE'S A DAMN SLAVE OR SOMETHING.
WHEN YOU ENTER SOCIETY, BEING ABLE TO FIGHT DOESN'T MEAN A GODDAMN THING.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND? WHEN WE GRADUATE NEXT SPRING, WE HAVE TO STEP INTO THE REAL WORLD AND LOOK FOR WORK AND SHIT, WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT!
ONCE YOU TAKE THE PLUNGE, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO COUNT ON WHAT YOU'VE STAKED YOUR LIFE ON SO FAR!
SO LET'S FIGHT!
THIS MIGHT BE YOUR LAST CHANCE! LET'S GO ALL OUT!
...

I'M LEAVING!
WHY SHOULD I HELP YOU MAKE MAKE MEMORIES FOR WHEN YOU GET NOSTAL-GIC?!
TCH. FORGET IT!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I CAME ALL THE WAY FROM REFORM SCHOOL FOR THIS
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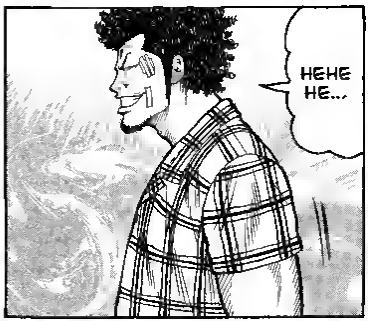
EEK!
KO-TORI! LOOK OUT!
HMM?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?!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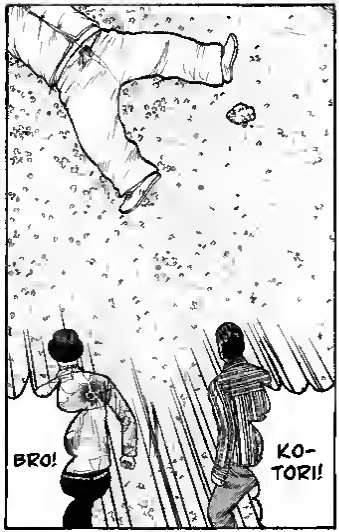
BRO!
KO-TORI!

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HOW'S THAT FOR MOTIVATION?
HOW 'BOUT IT, ISHIDA?
NU-WOOH ...

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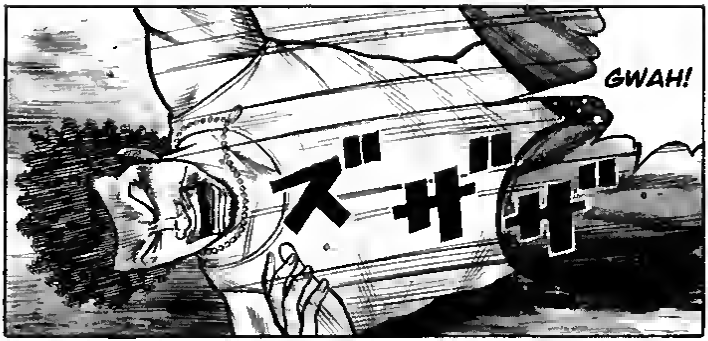
#5 "His Own Way"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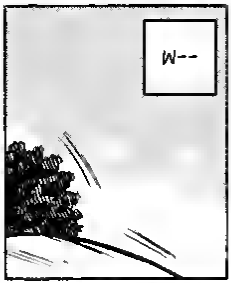
WHAT A PUNCH...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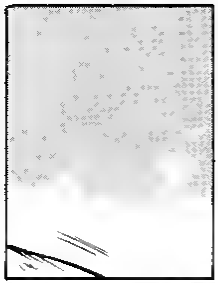

EEK!

HE'S GONNA SEND ME
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NGAH!

FLYING!

IF IT WASN'T THEM...
THEN WHO ATTACKED KOUZOU ...?
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DUMB-ASS!
I HAVE TO GET BACK!
WAIT UP! KO-TORI!
BRO!
SHIGE! ARE YOU ALIVE!?

ISHIDA KOTORI ...
WHAT A MAN...
SHIGEMATSU FROM DAITOU HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT! THE ONES WHO DID IT ARE SOME PUNK NAMED FUKAI, AND HIS FRIENDS, FROM KANA-MACHI.

ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO, SUZUMOTO AND HIS WOMAN WERE EATING AT A RESTAURANT AND GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH FUKAI OVER SOMETHING SMALL. SUZUMOTO ENDED UP KICKING HIS ASS.
I GUESS FUKAI HELD A GRUDGE...
HE ATTACKED SUZUMOTO WITH A BAT AFTER HE PARTED WAYS WITH THOSE GUYS FROM DAITOU THAT NIGHT.
THE GUYS FROM SEIDOU HIGH DID A HALF-ASSED JOB LOOKING INTO IT.
I BET THEY'RE FIGHTING DAITOU RIGHT NOW! THOSE IDIOTS! HAHA...
WHAT?
"SAN" ...
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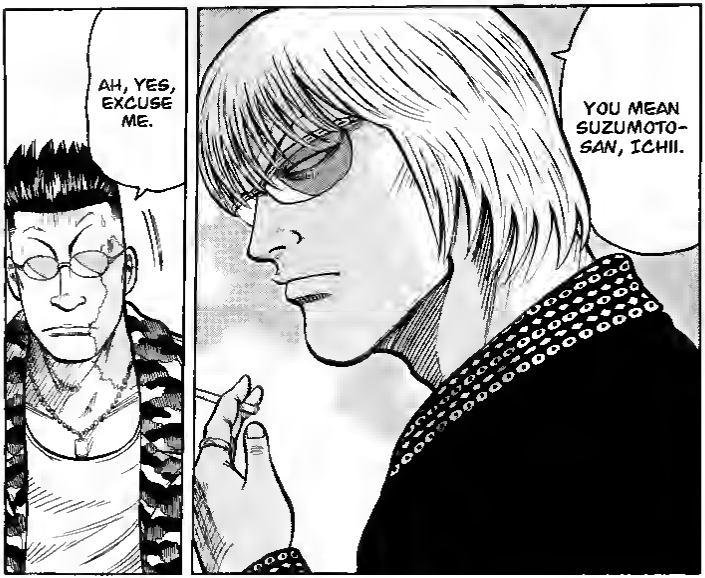
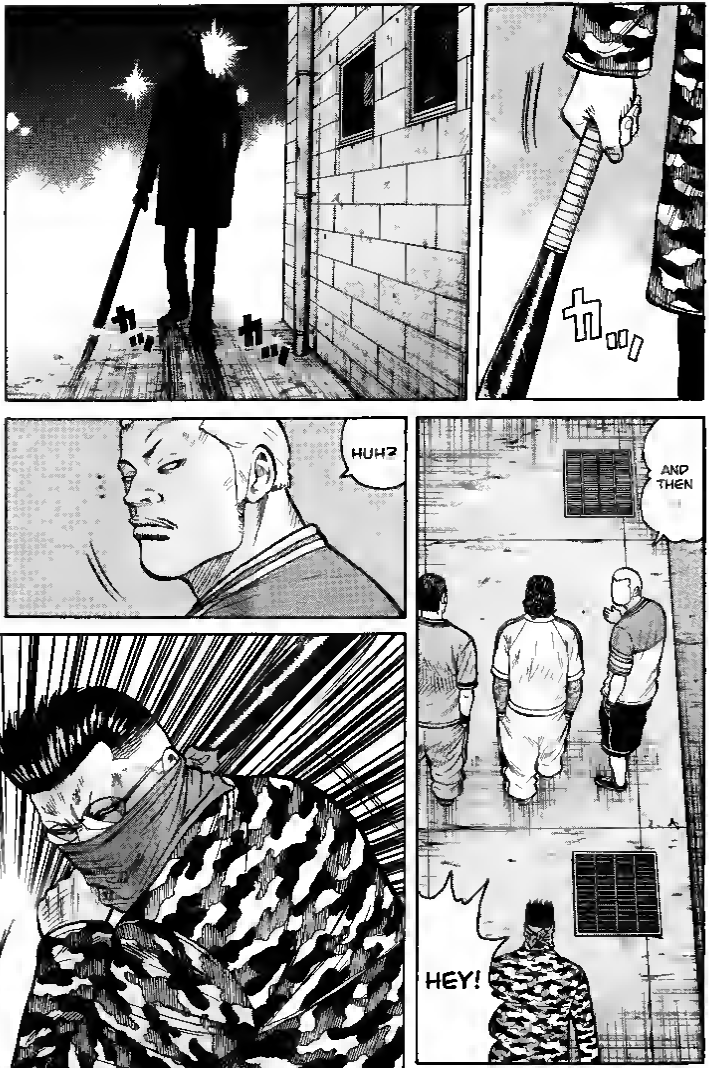

AH, YES, EXCUSE ME.
YOU MEAN SUZUMOTO-SAN, ICHII.

HAHA HA...
--IT'S FUCKING AMAZING!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HUH?
AND THEN
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BONK!
GWA AAH!
W-- WHO THE FUCK ARE YOU?!

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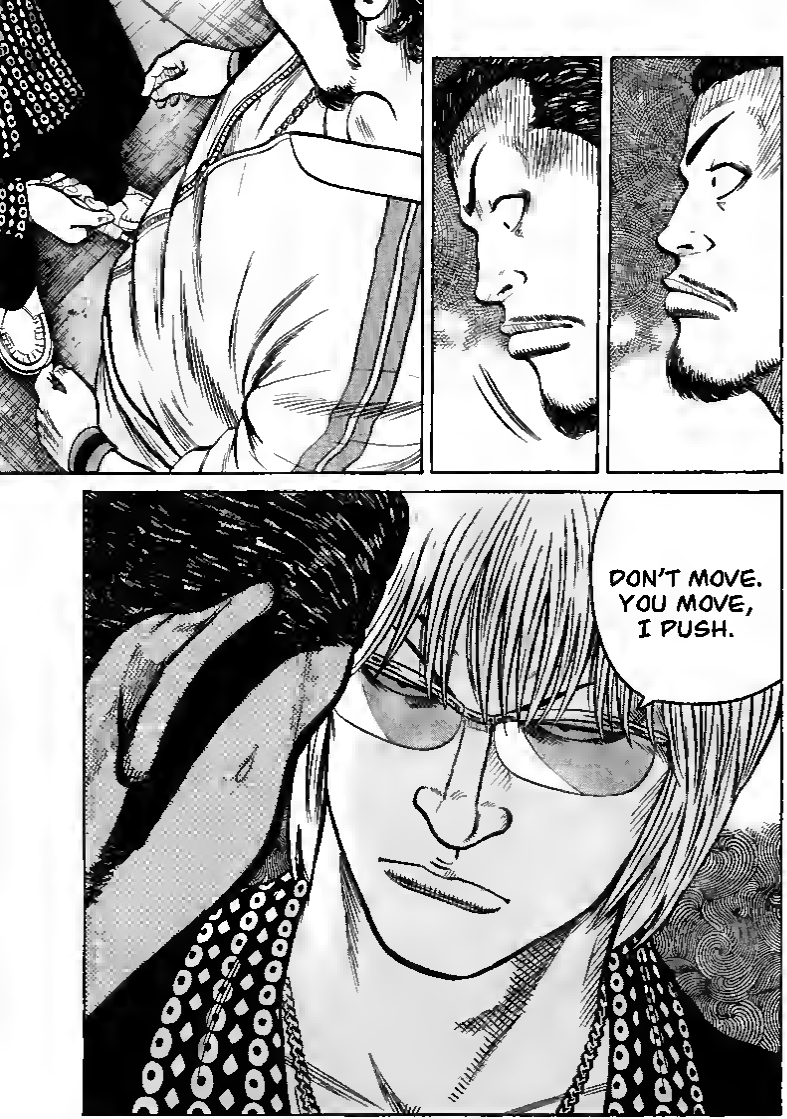
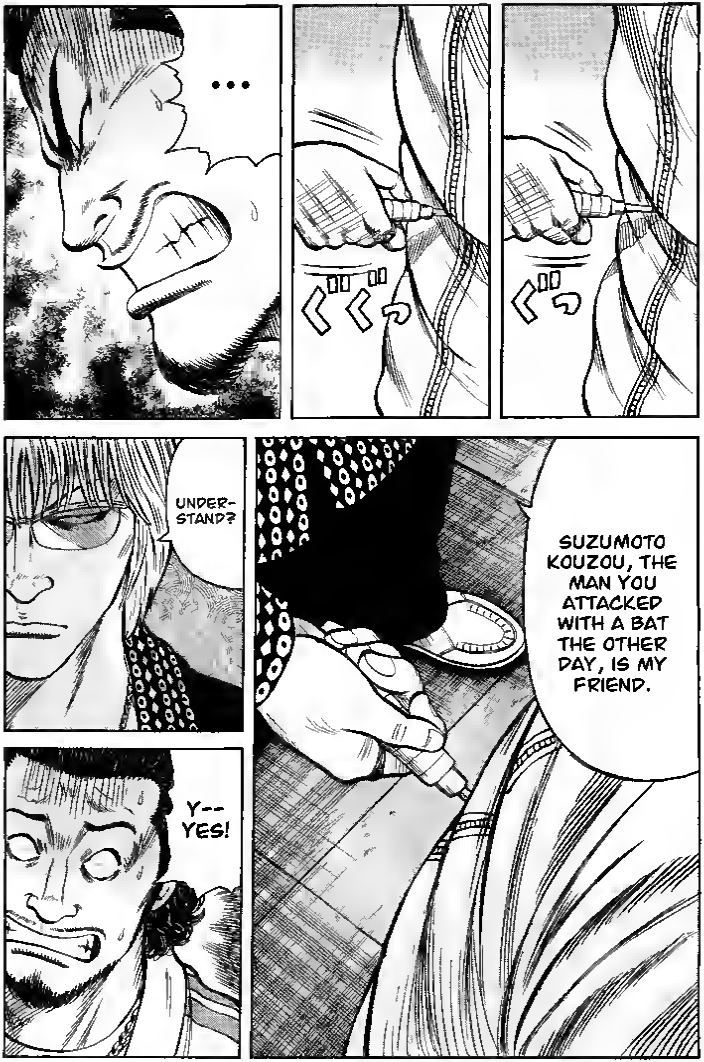
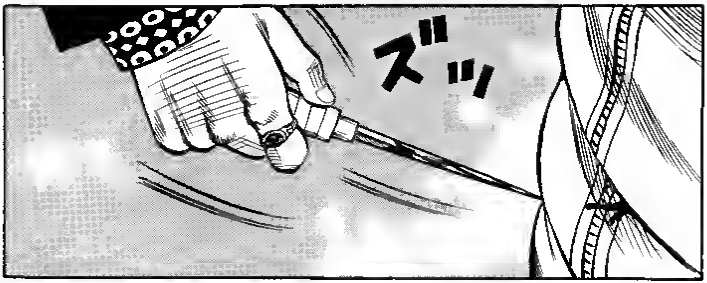

DON'T MOVE.
YOU MOVE,
I PUSH.


...
UNDER-STAND?
SUZUMOTO KOUZOU, THE MAN YOU ATTACKED WITH A BAT THE OTHER DAY, IS MY FRIEND.
Y--YES!

ALL RIGHT?
WHAT YOU'RE GONNA DO IS APOLO-GIZE TO HIM,
AND BRING MONEY.
Y-- YES!
IF YOU'RE LYING... I'LL FIND YOU AND KILL YOU.
I'LL DO IT! I'LL DO IT!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AH!
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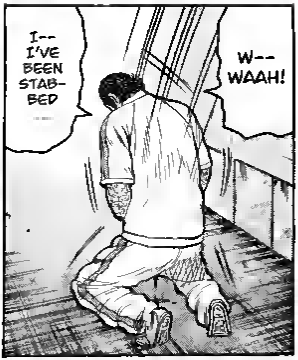
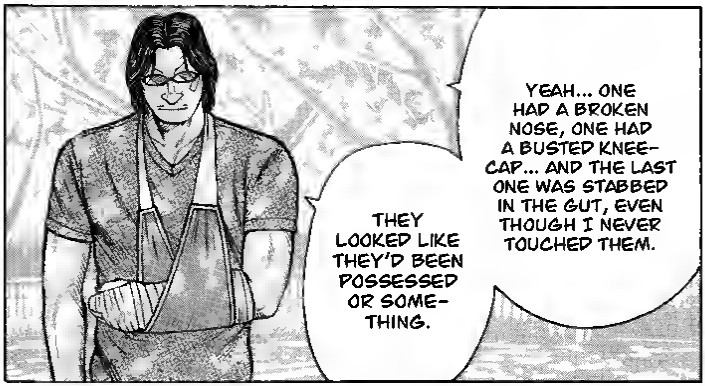
SOME-ONE! HELP ME!
C-- CALL AN AMBU-LANCE!


I-- I'VE BEEN STAB-BED
W-- WAAH!

SEVERAL DAYS LATER.


YEAH... ONE HAD A BROKEN NOSE, ONE HAD A BUSTED KNEE-CAP... AND THE LAST ONE WAS STABBED IN THE GUT, EVEN THOUGH I NEVER TOUCHED THEM.
THEY LOOKED LIKE THEY'D BEEN POSSESSED OR SOME-THING.

YEAH, BUT YOU GOT YOUR ASS HANDED TO YOU, SO I THINK YOU'RE GOOD
SHIGEMATSU, OF COURSE! I ONLY WENT THERE TO FIGHT HIM BECAUSE I THOUGHT HE WAS BEHIND IT!
SO, WHO DO YOU THINK ATTACKED THOSE THREE?
W--WHAT THE HELL'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
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THE GOD OF DEATH! WHO ELSE?
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W--WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!
UHH... I DUNNO..
WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE... I'M GONNA HAVE TO DO JOB INTER-VIEWS FROM NOW ON!
Y--YEAH..
RIGHT?
AND? DO I LOOK SERIOUS?
I even lost the beard.

WHAT THEY MEAN IS, YOU SHOULD SMILE!
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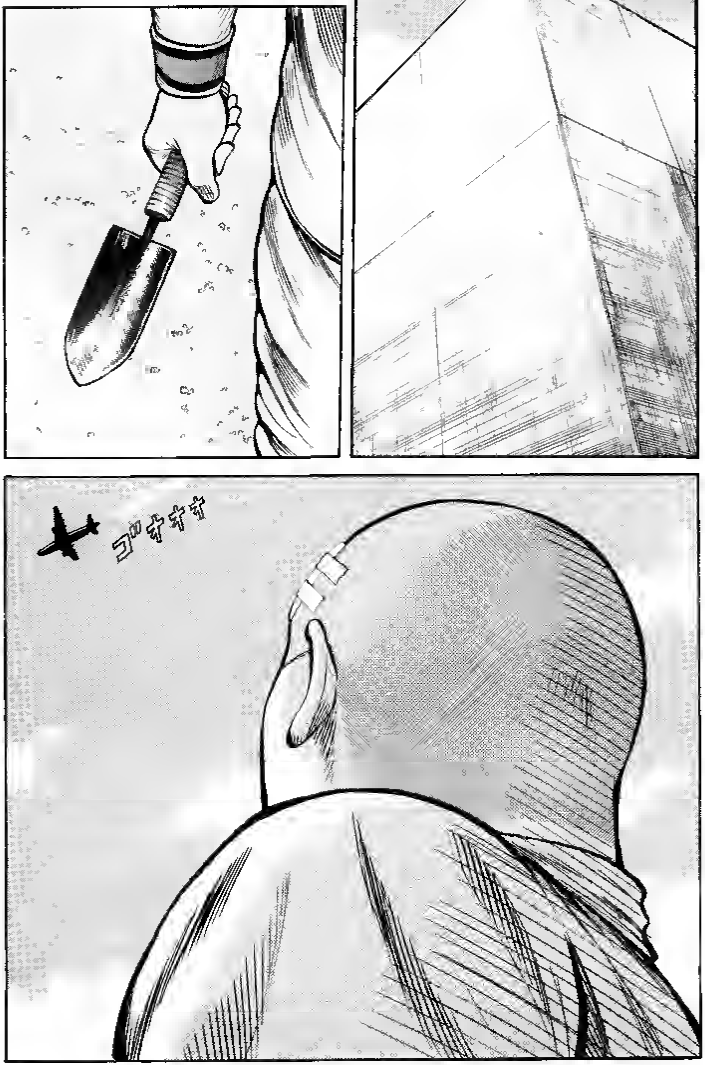
HAHA HA...
I SEE. I KNEW THAT WAS THE WAY TO GO!
YOU'RE TOTALLY RIGHT! BWAHA HA!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YOU HATE ME, DON'T YOU...
Background: Wooh!
Gyahaha! Drink it!
NOT AT ALL, SIR.
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死神を見た日
#1
"風船のゆくえ"
A day I saw the God of Death
"Course of the balloon"

I HAPPEN TO KNOW YOU'VE CRACKED MORE THAN A FEW SKULLS OF GUYS WHO WERE HONEST WITH YOU!
RELAX, YOU CAN BE HONEST WITH ME
I WON'T GET ANGRY AT YOU
NOBODY CAN BEAT YOU IN A FIGHT. I THINK YOU'RE AMAZING.
I DON'T HATE YOU, HIKO-SAN
THEY MAY TALK ABOUT ME LIKE I'M JUST A BURDEN TO THE ORGANIZATION NOT EVEN FIT TO TEST YOUR NEW SHIV ON, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T PAY MY TABS
RELAX
BWAHAHA... THAT SO, HUH? WELL, DRINK UP!
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和牛カルビ
合鴨つくね
I--ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME WE ABOUT CALL IT QUITS? I THINK THE BOOZE MIGHT BE GETTING TO YOU...
Background: Gyahaha! Drink! Drink! Waah!

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DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
'SIDES, DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH I DRINK TODAY, I WON'T GET DRUNK.
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Welcome! Waah! Gyahaha! Waah!
TODAY, DECEMBER 12TH, IS THE DEATH ANNI-VERSARY OF MY BEST FRIEND, HIROKI...

Background: Hahaha! Waah! Two time sours: Waah!

SHE USED TO CALL ME "BIG BRO HIKO" AND LOOK AT ME WITH THIS CUTE SMILE...
BUT NOW, THERE WERE TEARS RUNNING DOWN HER FACE ...
SHE TOLD ME TO "NEVER COME HERE AGAIN"...

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...
THAT'S NOTHING TO LAUGH ABOUT
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY. CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT? ME, OF ALL PEOPLE...
HAHA ...

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH ...
YOU'RE RIGHT, IT ISN'T SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT...
Background: Gyahaha! Waah! Waah!
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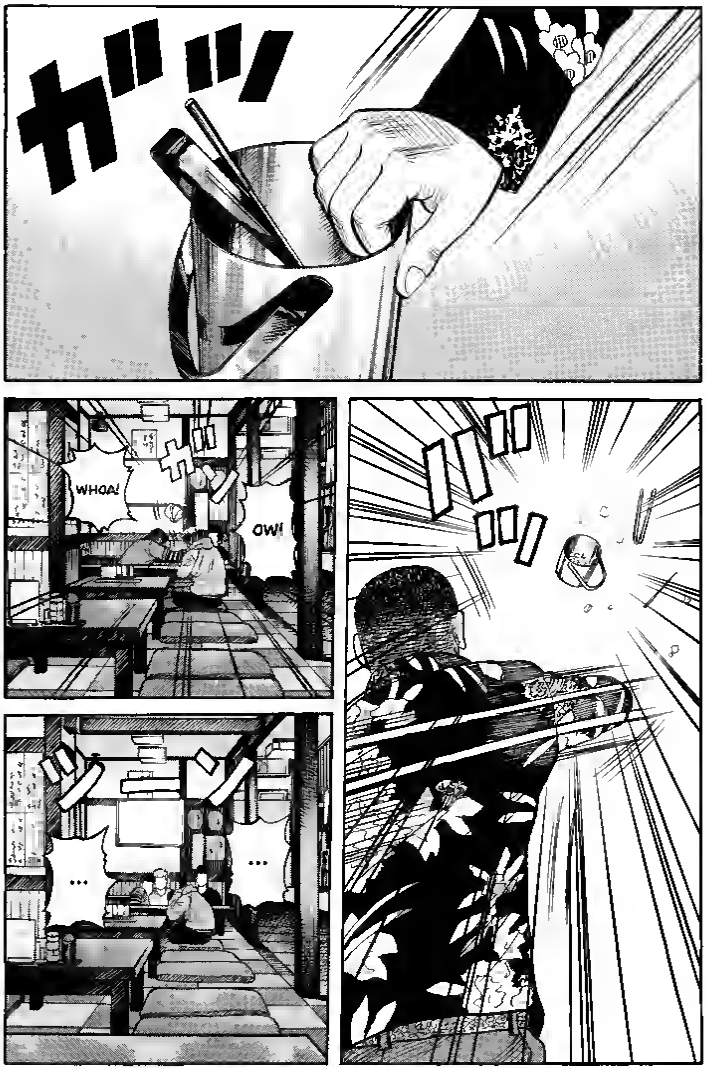
YOU DUMB SHIT! TAKE IT OFF ALREADY!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WHOA!
OW!
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カラン
YOU... UP FOR YAKI-TORA?
YES, PLEASE.

MY NAME IS MISAKI GEN.
NEXT YEAR .. WHEN THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS ARE BLOOMING, I'M THINKING ABOUT GETTING A TATTOO OF A TIGER ON MY BACK. I'M STILL GREEN AS FAR AS BEING A YAKUZA IS CONCERNED ...

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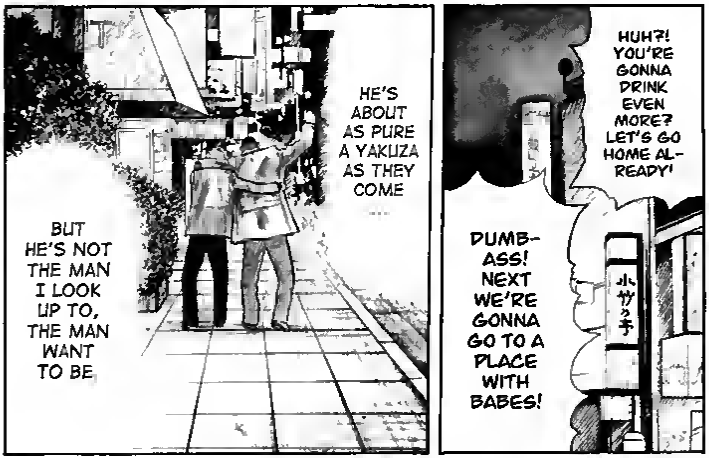
THIS MAN IS CALLED HIKO. I DON'T KNOW HIS REAL NAME.
WHOA! WHAT THE HELL?
IT'S LIKE A GODDAMN WATER-FALL!

THE WAY HE CAN EXPLODE ON A MOMENT'S NOTICE, HE LOOKS AND ACTS LIKE HE WAS BUILT TO FIGHT
GEEEN! LET'S HIT ANOTHER ONE!


HE'S ABOUT AS PURE A YAKUZA AS THEY COME
BUT HE'S NOT THE MAN I LOOK UP TO, THE MAN WANT TO BE
HUH?! YOU'RE GONNA DRINK EVEN MORE? LET'S GO HOME AL-READY!
DUMB-ASS! NEXT WE'RE GONNA GO TO A PLACE WITH BABES!

TWO YEARS AGO...

WHEN I GRADUATED FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL AND TOLD HIM I WANTED TO BECOME A PRO BOXER
HE SAID NOTHING AND JUST GAVE ME 300,000 YEN..
MY PARENTS PASSED AWAY SOON AFTER I WAS BORN. I WAS RAISED BY MY BROTHER
I COULDN'T FACE MY BROTHER ANYMORE... I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH MY LIFE ..
I HAD TURNED INTO A BALLOON THAT WAS DRIFTING AIMLESSLY IN THE WIND...

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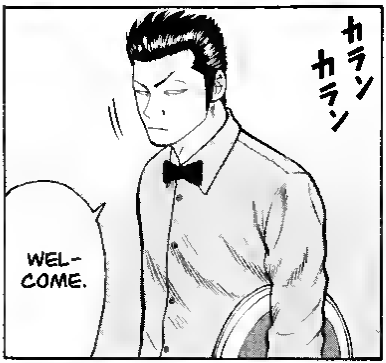
COFFEE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HAHA!
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SO THEN
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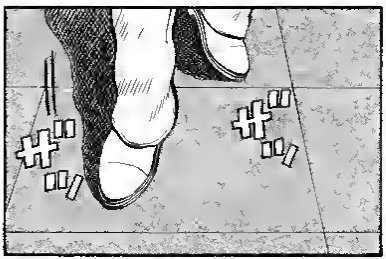

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WHAT CAN I GET YOU?
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A--ALL RIGHT..
ONE COFFEE, PLEASE.
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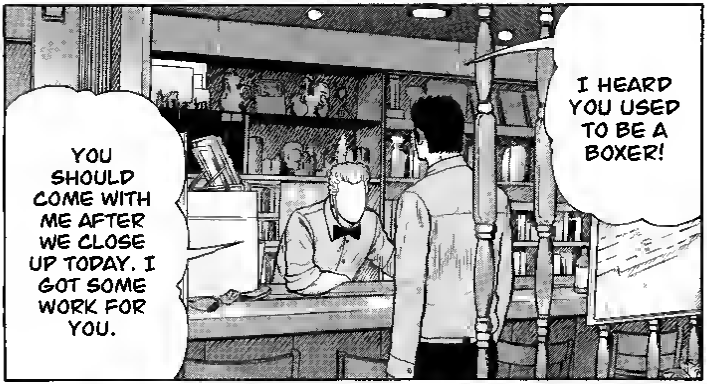
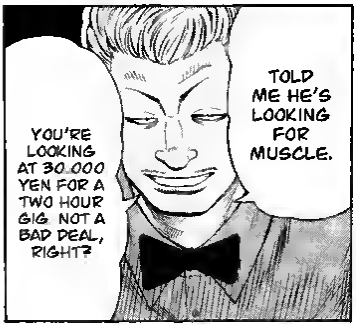
HEY! HEY, MI-SAKI!


I HEARD YOU USED TO BE A BOXER!
YOU SHOULD COME WITH ME AFTER WE CLOSE UP TODAY. I GOT SOME WORK FOR YOU.


TOLD ME HE'S LOOKING FOR MUSCLE.
YOU'RE LOOKING AT 30,000 YEN FOR A TWO HOUR GIG. NOT A BAD DEAL, RIGHT?

A MAN CALLED NAKAI FREQUENTLY VISITS THE MAHJONG CLUB ON THE FOURTH FLOOR IN THE BUILDING NEXT DOOR. HE'S GOT GANG TIES.
I HAPPEN TO KNOW HIM A LITTLE BIT. WE GET ALONG PRETTY WELL.

ONE COFFEE, PLEASE.
I WAS PISSED OFF.
AT THIS BAS-TARD ...
OW ...
Asshole. Hahahaha! For real?
AND THAT OTHER ASSHOLE THAT'S BEEN YELLING AT THAT PHONE FOR WHAT SEEMS LIKE FOREVER ...
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BUT MOST OF ALL, I WAS PISSED OFF AT MYSELF!
SOONER OR LATER, A BALLOON WILL SHRIVEL AND FALL DOWN TO EARTH ...
BWA HAHA!
I KNOW! I SAW IT, TOO! WHAT A FREAKING MORON!

ISN'T IT GREAT?!
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W--
WAIT!
PLEASE,
WAIT UP!
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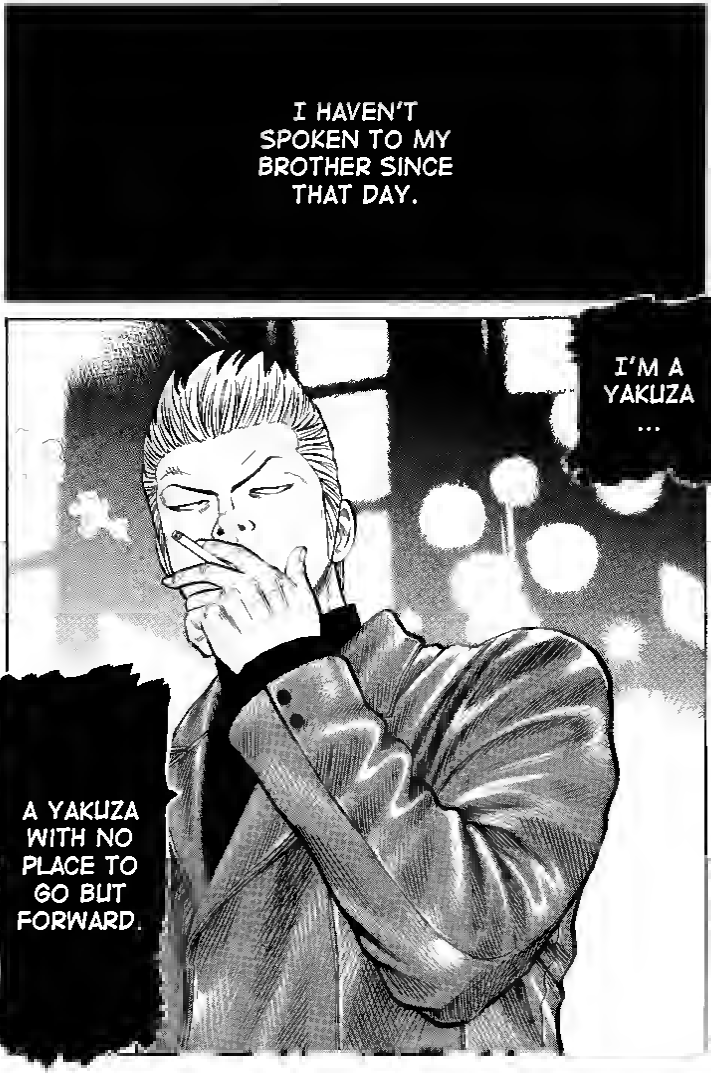
THIS WAS MY FIRST MEETING WITH MY BOSS. THE GREAT MAN I'M ASPIRING TO BE.
MY FIRST MEETING WITH *AZUMA RYOU* ...


I HAVEN'T SPOKEN TO MY BROTHER SINCE THAT DAY.
I'M A YAKUZA ...
A YAKUZA WITH NO PLACE TO GO BUT FORWARD.

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#2
《火種》
"Love cools"

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HA HAA!
ORAH!

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THE DIFFERENCE THIS TIME, WAS THAT ONE OF THEM WAS A LEADER OF THE BIGGEST ORGANIZATION IN THE CITY, THE YOKO-MIZO-GUMI!
THAT DAY, HIKO-SAN GOT DRUNK AND BEAT THREE PEOPLE HALF TO DEATH WHO HAPPENED TO BE IN THE SAME BUSINESS AS US
USUALLY IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL HAPPENS ALL THE TIME.
I LET HIM OUT OF MY SIGHT FOR A SECOND, AND...
I APOLO-GIZE.
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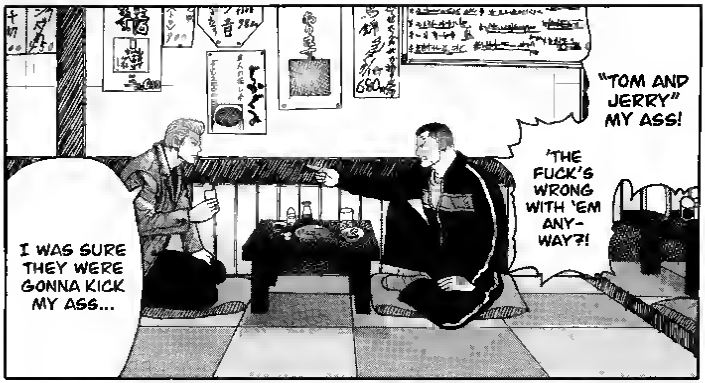
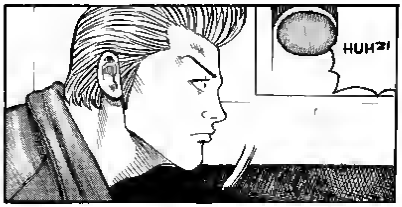
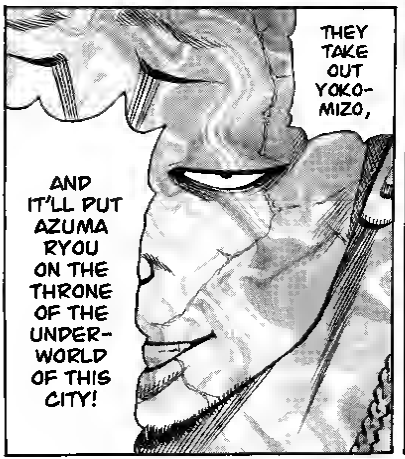
EX-CUSE ME?
FORGET ABOUT IT ...
A YAKUZA CAN'T LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON HIM
YOKO-MIZO-GUMI OR NOT.
SAME OLD HIKO THOUGH! MAN KNOWS HOW TO TAKE CARE OF BUSI-NESS!
YEAH
RIGHT?!

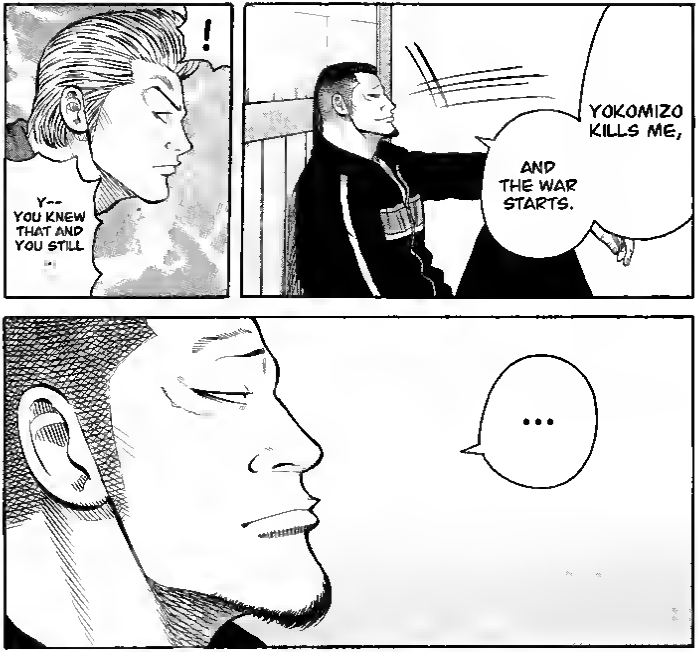
TELL HIM TOM AND JERRY SAY HELLO...
R-- RIGHT
TCH! BUNCH'A DICK-WEEDS!


"TOM AND JERRY" MY ASS!
'THE FUCK'S WRONG WITH 'EM ANY-WAY?!
I WAS SURE THEY WERE GONNA KICK MY ASS...


HUH?!

YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU.. WHAT THEY'RE AFTER..
THEY'RE USING ME TO LIGHT A FIRE AND GET A FIGHT GOING WITH THE YOKOMIZO-GUMI!


THEY TAKE OUT YOKO-MIZO,
AND IT'LL PUT AZUMA RYOU ON THE THRONE OF THE UNDER-WORLD OF THIS CITY!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Y-- YOU KNEW THAT AND YOU STILL
YOKOMIZO KILLS ME,
AND THE WAR STARTS.
...
IT'S DANGEROUS TO WALK HERE.
YOKOMIZO WILL FIND YOU!
LET 'EM..

THIS IS MY JOB...
IF MY LUCK IS BAD, I'LL GET KILLED ...
IF IT'S GOOD AND I SURVIVE... I'M PLANNING ON LEAVING THE ORGANIZATION.
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LEAVING THE ORGANIZATION?!
YEAH... THAT GUY, AZUMA RYOU, I JUST CAN'T ...
HUH?
WHAT THE...?

AH...
AAH!

NUWO --!
I-OOOOH!
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WHAT'S YOUR PROB-LEM?!
BRO!
HUH?!

GAH!
GWAH!

HOW FUCKING DARE YOU BECOME A YAKUZA!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
...
H--HEY... DUDE ...
CALM DOWN ...

WHAT WHUZ ZAT?! YOU A YAKUZA TOO?! THEN I DON'T WANT NUTHIN' TO DO WITH YA!
ADAH!
OUTTA THE WAY!
H-- HIKO-SAN!

HEY!
I SAID CALM THE FUCK DO--
KUH!
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WHAT?!
OW ...

GEH!
BRO! NO! DON'T!
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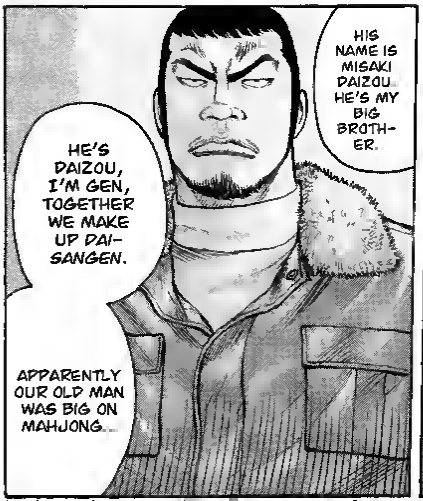
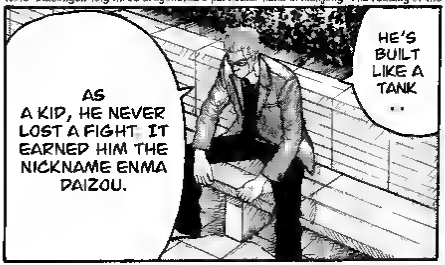
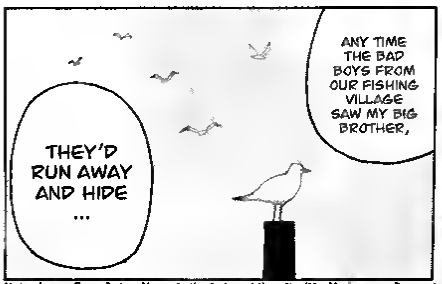
HIKO-SAN! I'M SO SORRY!
PLEASE, FORGIVE ME!
WHOA!
W-- WHAT THE HELL?! WHO WAS THAT MONSTER?!


HIS NAME IS MISAKI DAIZOU. HE'S MY BIG BROTHER.
HE'S DAIZOU, I'M GEN, TOGETHER WE MAKE UP DAI-SANGEN.
APPARENTLY OUR OLD MAN WAS BIG ON MAHJONG.

Note: Daisangen (big three dragons) is a particular hand in mahjong. The reading of the "zou" kanji changes to "san."





Note: A pun. Enma Daiou, Yama is the judge of the afterlife. You've seen Dragonball Z, you know.

OUR PARENTS DIED WHEN WE WERE YOUNG... IT WAS JUST THE TWO OF US.
BUT HE WAS KIND TO ME...
IT'S A RAMEN PLACE IN FRONT OF THE STATION IN OUR HOME-TOWN ..
SERVED THE BEST RAMEN I EVER HAD
WE'D OFTEN SNEAK OUT OF OUR KEEPER'S HOUSE
AND GO OFF TO EAT AT KADOYA RAMEN
I WONDER IF THAT PLACE STILL EXISTS
HE CAME HERE LOOKING FOR YOU BECAUSE HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU
THAT'S A GREAT BROTHER YOU HAVE THERE

IF SOMEONE LIKE YOUR BROTHER WAS OUR BOSS...
I'D FOLLOW HIM MY WHOLE LIFE...
I HAVE NO FAITH IN AZUMA RYOU OR THOSE OTHER TWO.
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NO WAY ...
THREE YEARS AGO, THE PREVIOUS BOSS DIED IN AN ACCIDENT, AND AZUMA SUCCEEDED HIM...
I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED IF AZUMA WAS INVOLVED IN THAT ACCIDENT SOMEHOW.
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I OWE AZUMA ...
BUT... THEY STOPPED ME FROM LEAVING THE ORGANIZATION AT THE SAME TIME AS THE BOSS.
HIKO-SAN...
AND IF ALL I CAN DO TO DO THAT, IS ACT AS COAL TO LIGHT A FIRE, THEN SO BE IT!
AND A MAN'S GOTTA REPAY HIS DEBTS!
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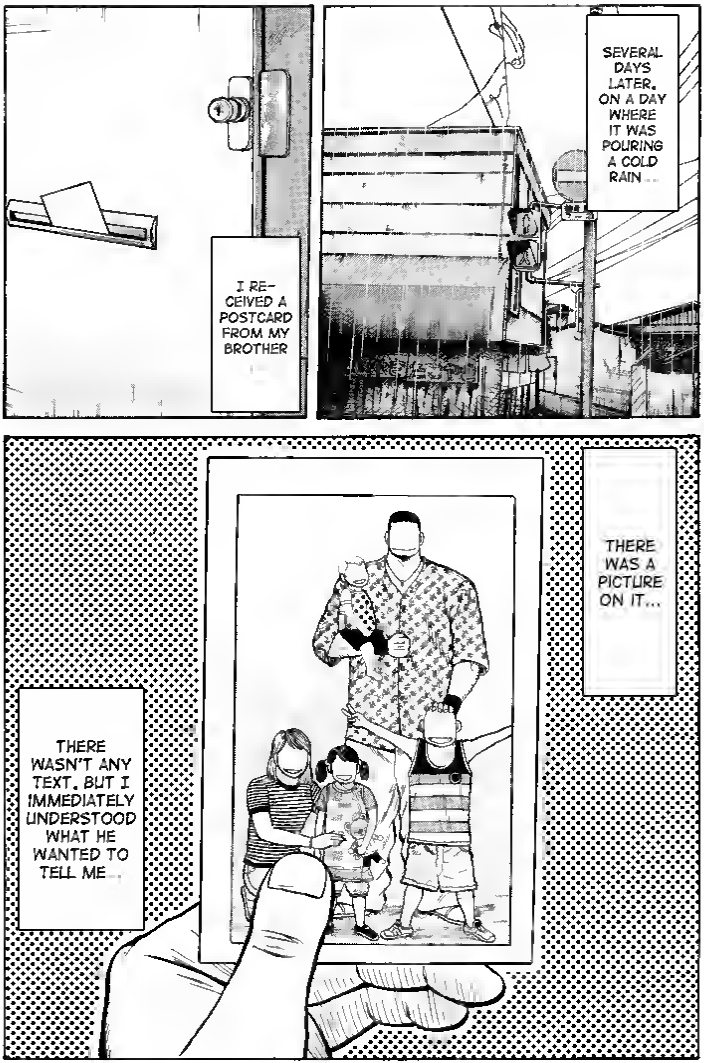
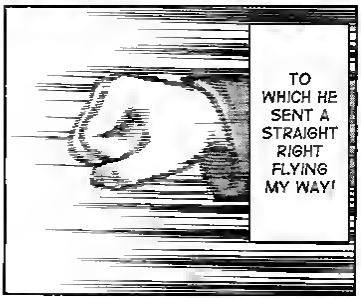

I RECEIVED A POSTCARD FROM MY BROTHER
SEVERAL DAYS LATER. ON A DAY WHERE IT WAS POURING A COLD RAIN...
THERE WAS A PICTURE ON IT...
THERE WASN'T ANY TEXT. BUT I IMMEDIATELY UNDERSTOOD WHAT HE WANTED TO TELL ME...

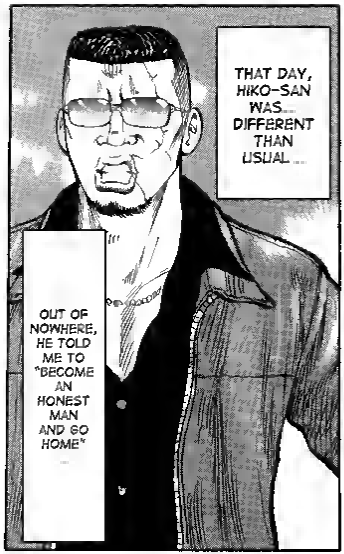
I HAVE A FAMILY WHO LOVES ME. I'VE FOUND HAPPINESS!
GEN! WHAT ABOUT YOU!?
I'M SURE THAT THAT'S WHAT HE WANTED TO TELL ME...

HIKO-SAN DIED TWO DAYS LATER...
田猿神社↓

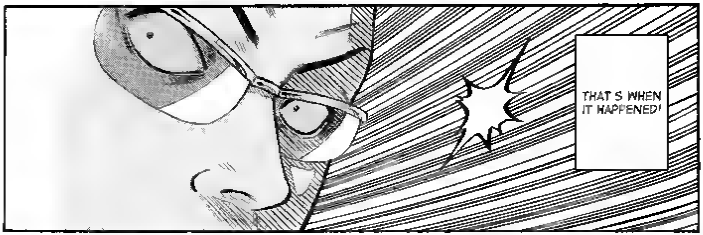
The day I saw the ghost of Death
#3 "Going Home"
死神を見た日
#3 "故郷へ…"

I SAID I WANTED TO BECOME LIKE BOSS AZUMA.


TO WHICH HE SENT A STRAIGHT RIGHT FLYING MY WAY!


THAT DAY, HIKO-SAN WAS... DIFFERENT THAN USUAL...
OUT OF NOWHERE, HE TOLD ME TO "BECOME AN HONEST MAN AND GO HOME"

"THAT MAN'S THE GOD OF DEATH! HE'S NOT SOMEONE YOU SHOULD LOOK UP TO!"
I COULD SMELL THE LIQUOR ON HIS BREATH WHEN HE YELLED THAT AT ME!


THAT'S WHEN IT HAPPENED!

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GEN, DON'T MOVE!
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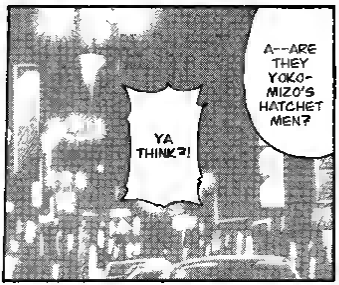
I COULDN'T MOVE EVEN IF I *WANTED* TO...
"DON'T MOVE!" HE SAID, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT *HAPPENED!*
WHEN I SAW THAT KNIFE... AND I KNEW CLEAR AS DAY THAT THEY HAD COME TO KILL US, I JUST FROZE...

MY LEGS WERE SHAKING... I FELT LIKE I HAD TO GET OUTTA THERE AS QUICKLY AS I COULD...

WHO THE HELL DO THEY THINK I AM?!
BUT WHAT THE HELL WERE THEY THINKING ONLY SENDING TWO GUYS AFTER ME


A--ARE THEY YOKO-MIZO'S HATCHET MEN?
YA THINK?!

HIKO-SAN! ARE YOU HURT?!
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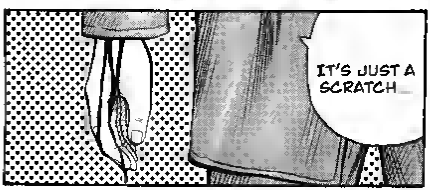
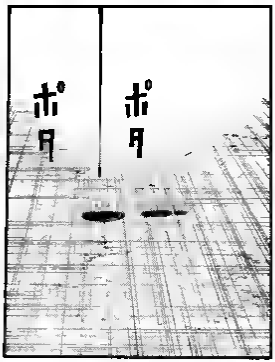

IT'S JUST A SCRATCH...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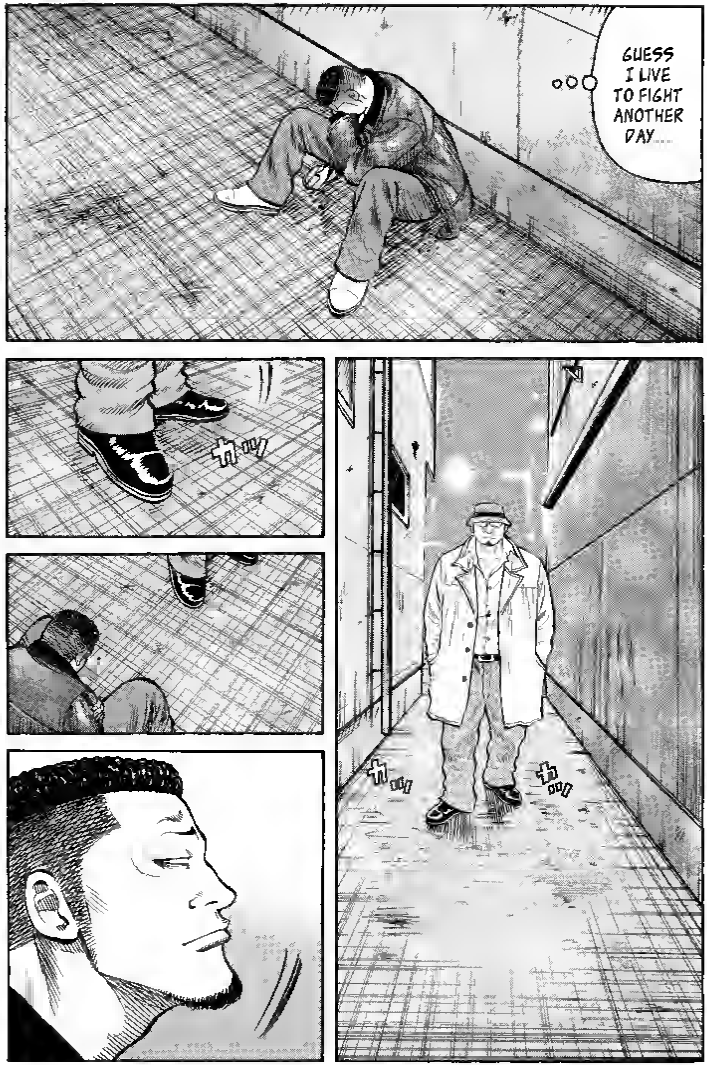
IT'S PRETTY DEEP...
IF WE DON'T TAKE YOU TO A DOC-TOR...
AW CRAP.
YEAH
I'LL GET THE CAR.
PLEASE WAIT HERE FOR ME!
PHEW.


GUESS I LIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY....
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HIKO-SAN!
Bang Bang bang
HIKO-SAN!

HIKO-SAN!
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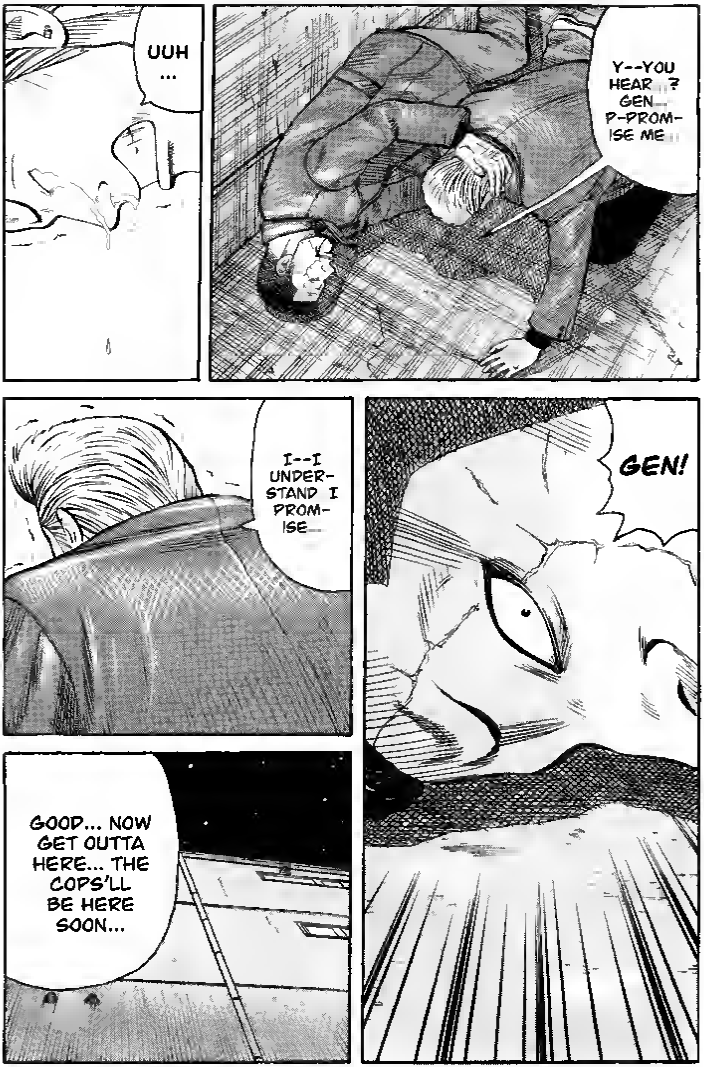
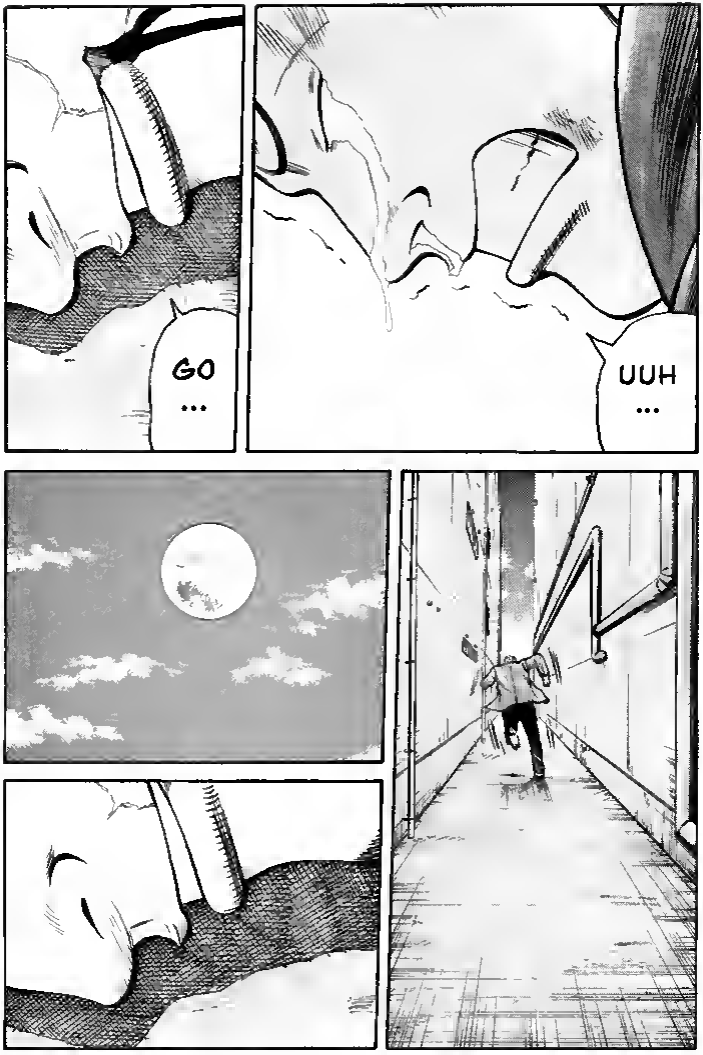
THIS IS BAD!
I HAVE TO CALL AN AMBU-LANCE!
I WON'T BE NEEDING THAT CALL ..
I--IT'S TOO LATE... I'M DONE FOR...

I--THEY SAY THAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS... YOU REMEMBER THE FACE OF SOMEONE IMPORTANT TO YOU...
YOUR PARENTS... SIBLINGS... A LOVER...
HIKO-SAN!
FUNNY THING IS... NO ONE COMES TO MIND... HAHA...
GEN...
HIKO-SAN...

TAKE MY ADVICE... L--LEAVE THE YAKUZA...
THERE'S NOTHING EMBARRASSING ABOUT... GIVING UP ON YOUR DREAM... AND GOING HOME ..
YOU HAVE... PEOPLE WHO WORRY ABOUT YOU... WHO ARE WAITING FOR YOUR RETURN...
GO BACK TO THAT MONSTER BROTHER OF YOURS ...
HIKO-SAN...


UUH ...
Y--YOU HEAR...? GEN... P-PROM-ISE ME...
I--I UNDER-STAND I PROM-ISE...
GEN!
GOOD... NOW GET OUTTA HERE... THE COPS'LL BE HERE SOON...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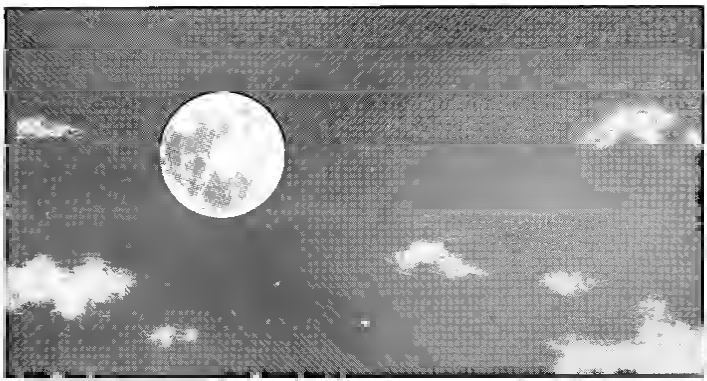
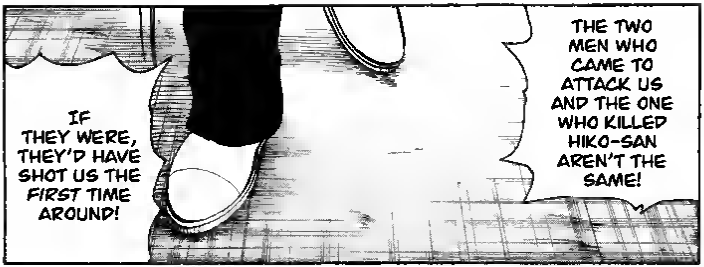


HMM?
HEY ...
ARE YOU TWO RESPON-SIBLE FOR HIKO-SAN'S DEATH?
WUT?


THE TWO MEN WHO CAME TO ATTACK US AND THE ONE WHO KILLED HIKO-SAN AREN'T THE SAME!
IF THEY WERE, THEY'D HAVE SHOT US THE *FIRST* TIME AROUND!

IF THOSE FIRST TWO WERE FROM YOKOMIZO, THEN WHO WAS THAT LAST GUY FROM?!
IT'S GOTTA BE SOMEONE WHO KNEW EXACTLY *WHEN* AND *WHERE* HIKO-SAN WAS GOING TO BE! SOMEONE WHO WAS JUST WAITING FOR HIS CHANCE! TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE YOKOMIZO DID IT!

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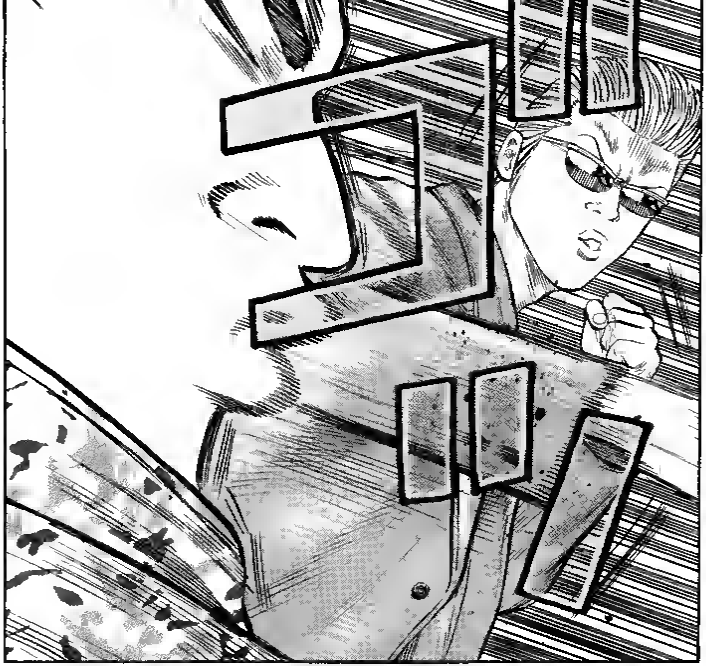
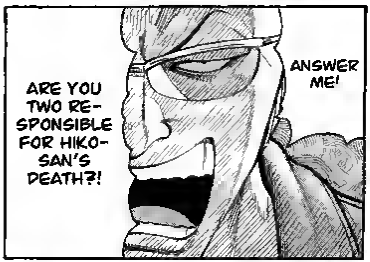
HEY, GEN! ARE YOU SAYIN' WHAT I THINK YOU ARE?!




ARE YOU TWO RESPONSIBLE FOR HIKO-SAN'S DEATH?!
ANSWER ME!

GA HAH!
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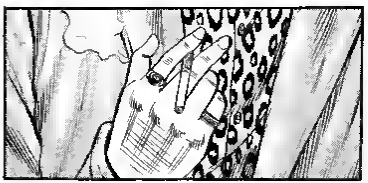
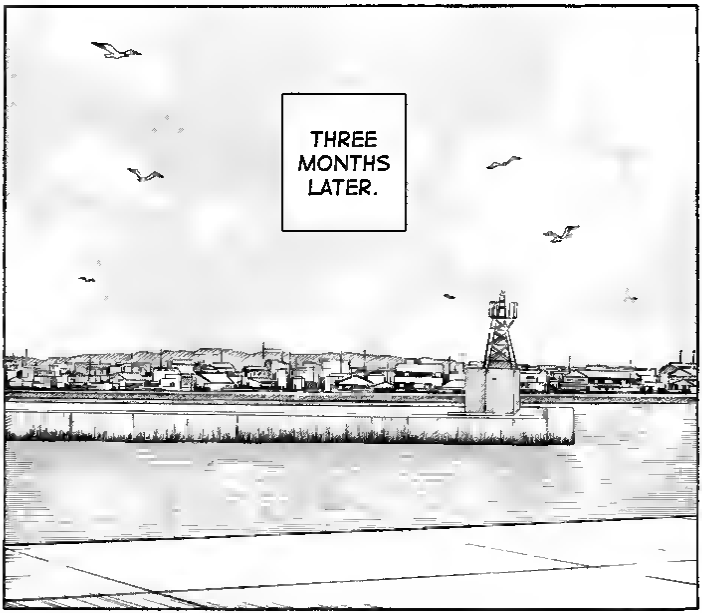


DO YOU HAVE THE RESOLVE TO GET REVENGE FOR HIKO?
DO YOU?!
WHAT'LL YOU DO WHEN YOU HEAR THE ANSWER?
URK!
HOP!
THOSE'RE SOME FIIINE PUNCHES!
THAT FELT ABOUT RIGHT FOR SOMEONE WHO WAS ONCE LOOKING TO BECOME A WORLD BOXING CHAMPION!

STEPPING OUTSIDE AFTER DINNER AND GETTING HALF YOUR HEAD BLOWN OFF
GETTING KILLED WITHOUT EVEN BEING ABLE TO SAY A WORD
WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIKO'S DEATH
I'LL ANSWER YES OR NO.
THE QUESTION IS, ARE YOU PREPARED TO HEAR MY ANSWER?
THAT'S THE KINDA WORLD WE LIVE IN.
HIKO, THE TWO OF US, AND AZUMA, WE ALL HAVE THE RESOLVE TO LIVE WITH THAT EVERY DAY!

IF YOU HAVE THE RESOLVE TO LIVE A LIFE FULL OF CARNAGE LIKE WE DO... ASK ME ONE LAST TIME.
JUST SO YOU KNOW, WE WON'T LET YOU RUN AWAY FROM THE ANSWER IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT.
WHAT'LL IT BE?
KUH!

WHAT'LL IT BE?!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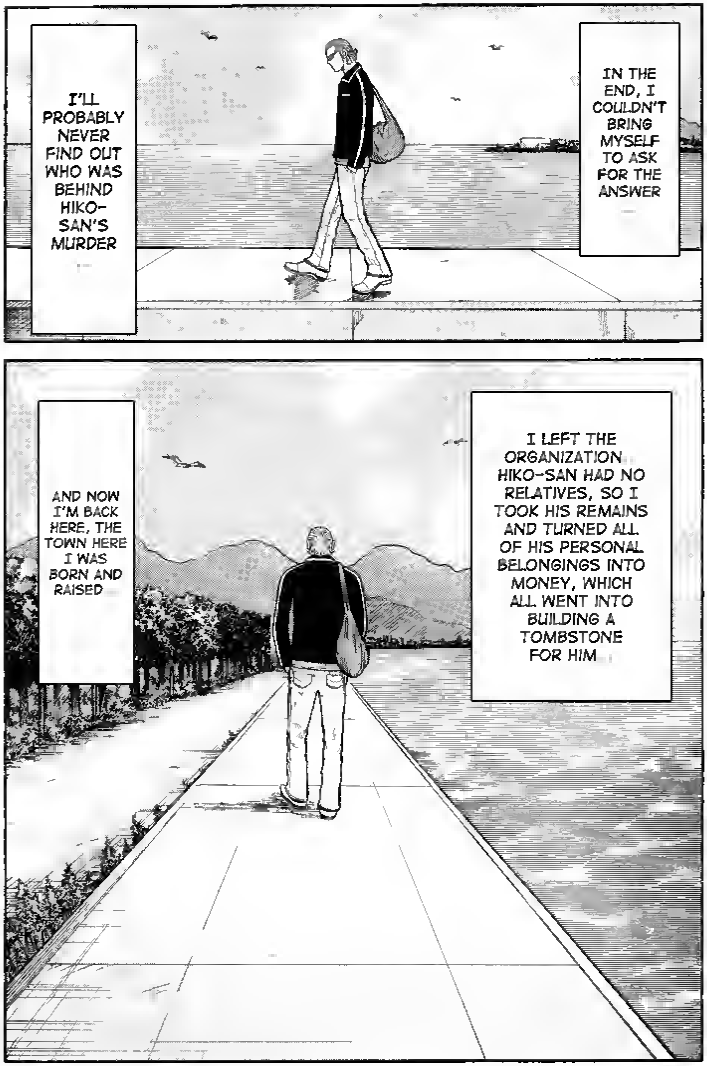
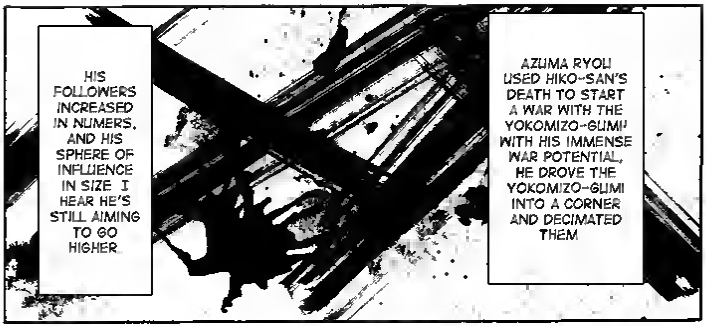
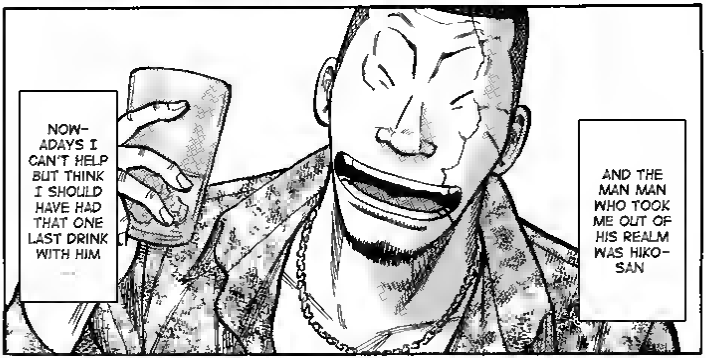
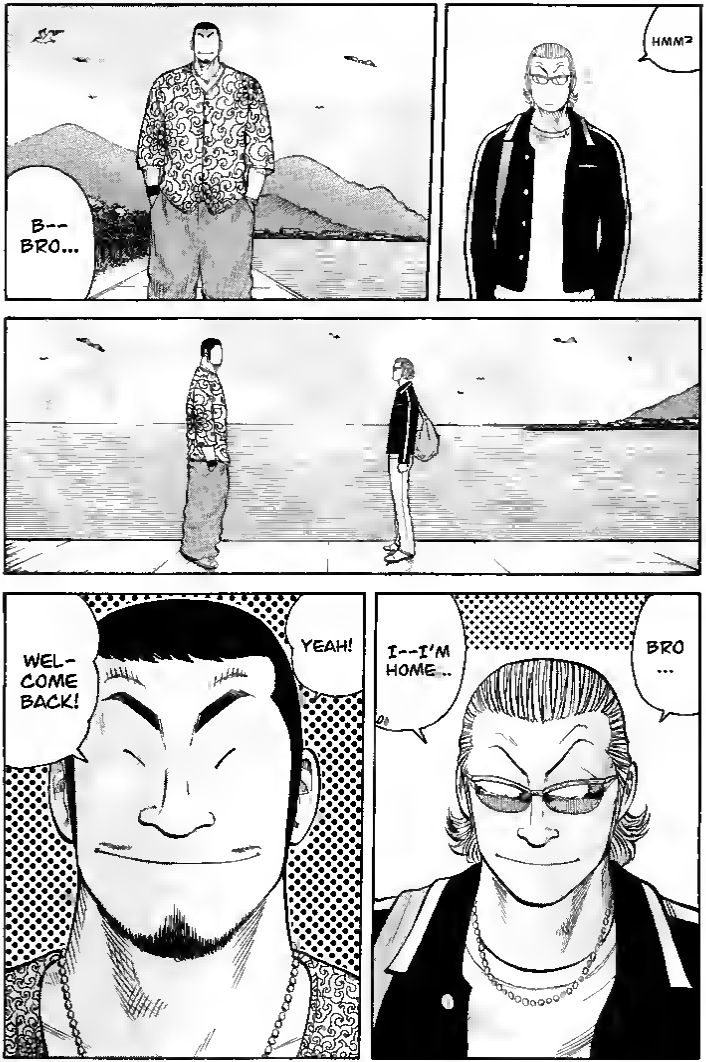

I'LL PROBABLY NEVER FIND OUT WHO WAS BEHIND HIKO-SAN'S MURDER
IN THE END, I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO ASK FOR THE ANSWER
AND NOW I'M BACK HERE, THE TOWN HERE I WAS BORN AND RAISED
I LEFT THE ORGANIZATION. HIKO-SAN HAD NO RELATIVES, SO I TOOK HIS REMAINS AND TURNED ALL OF HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS INTO MONEY, WHICH ALL WENT INTO BUILDING A TOMBSTONE FOR HIM.


HIS FOLLOWERS INCREASED IN NUMBERS, AND HIS SPHERE OF INFLUENCE IN SIZE. I HEAR HE'S STILL AIMING TO GO HIGHER.
AZUMA RYOU USED HIKO-SAN'S DEATH TO START A WAR WITH THE YOKOMIZO-GUMI! WITH HIS IMMENSE WAR POTENTIAL, HE DROVE THE YOKOMIZO-GUMI INTO A CORNER AND DECIMATED THEM.

I THINK THAT WHAT I SAW THAT NIGHT MIGHT HAVE REALLY BEEN THE GOD OF DEATH.


NOW-ADAYS I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK I SHOULD HAVE HAD THAT ONE LAST DRINK WITH HIM...
AND THE MAN WHO TOOK ME OUT OF HIS REALM WAS HIKO-SAN.


B--
BRO...
HMM?
WEL-
COME
BACK!
YEAH!
I--I'M
HOME..
BRO
...

MY GREAT, BIG BROTHERS, DAIZOU AND HIKO. FOR BOTH THEIR SAKES, I'VE DECIDED TO GIVE MY LIFE ANOTHER SHOT!
RATHER, THAT OLD GEEZER'S STILL ALIVE?!
WHAT?! THAT PLACE STILL EXISTS?!
FROM THE VERY START, THERE WERE MEN IN MY LIFE WHO'RE WAY STRONGER AND WAY COOLER THAN AZUMA RYOU. I JUST DIDN'T NOTICE THAT THE MEN I SHOULD WANT TO BE LIKE WERE RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME ALL THIS TIME!
YOU WANNA GO HAVE LUNCH AT KADOYA RAMEN?

I DID EVERYTHING I COULD, BUT TRY AS I MIGHT... I NEVER DID FIND OUT BIG BRO HIKO'S NAME...

Here lies Hiko

I CAN'T QUIT.

Hiroshi
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WITH A LITTLE HELP AT THE END FROM: CYPHER

THAT'S A WRAP PEOPLE.
QP IS DONE AND DONE. DUNNO YET
WHAT I'M GONNA DO NEXT, BUT I
DO HAVE SOME IDEAS.

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